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CORRESPONDENCE.

Bangalore Trades Association

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All Cheques and Remittances to be made payable to Bangalore Trades Association.

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United Kingdom Contact:—
London Association
for Protection of Trade.

TELEPHONE 129

24th May 1940

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the Annual Report on the working of this Association for the year 1939-40.

OFFICE OF THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.
29 MAY 1940
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I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

J R Campbell
Capt,
Honorary Secretary.

The Bangalore Trades Association

REGISTERED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT 1882

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT

AND AUDITED ACCOUNTS

1939—40

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THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

PAST MASTERS.

Year.	*Names.*
1900—1	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1901—2	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1902—3	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1904	Mr. I. Bronson.
1905	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1906	Mr. J. B. Forster.
1907	Mr. W. Davis.
1908	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1909	Mr. W. Davis.
1910	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1911—12	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1912	Mr. S. H. Elliot.
1913	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1914	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1915	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1916	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1917	Mr. J. R. Campbell.
1918—19	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1919—20	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1920—21	Mr. R. Laver.
1921—22	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1922—23	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1923—24	Mr. W. Wailling.
1924—25	Mr. R. Laver.
1925—26	Mr. R. Laver.
1926—27	Mr. J. R. Thompson.
1927—28	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1928—29	Mr. G. Alex Lavender.
1929—30	Mr. Geo. L. Harvey.
1930—31	Mr. Geo. L. Harvey.
1931—32	Mr. A. H. Bridle.
1932—33	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1933—34	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1934—35	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1935—36	Mr. F. Weaver. Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1936—37	Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1937—38	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1938—39	Mr. Elliot Miller.
1939—40	Mr. J. M. Charles. Mr. Fred Webb.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Office-Bearers, 1939—40.

Master:

MR. J. M. CHARLES (from 1-5-39 to 5-7-39).
MR. FRED WEBB (from 11-7-39 to 31-3-40).

Immediate Past Master:

MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Honorary Treasurer:

MR. CHAS. J. COLE (from 1-4-39 to 1-2-40).
MR. A. H. BRIDLE (from 1-2-40 to 31-3-40).

Honorary Secretary:

MR. C. A. FORDE (from 1-5-39 to 18-1-40).
MR. A. SMITH (from 18-1-40 to 31-3-40).

Committee:

MR. FRED PARR.
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.
MR. H. LAVENDER.
MR. A. SMITH.

All Past Masters are ex-officio Committee Members.

Representatives of the Association.

On the Station Municipal Commission:

MR. R. SUTRAMDAS (from 1-4-39 to 30-11-39).
MR. CHAS. J. COLE (from 1-12-39 to 1-2-40).
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L. (from 1-2-40).

On the Mysore Chamber of Commerce:

DR. M. N. MAHADEVAN (from 1-4-39 to 26-9-39).
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L. (from 26-9-39 to 31-3-40).

On the A. F. I. Advisory Committee:

CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

On the Excise Advisory Committee:

MR. CHAS. J. COLE (from 27-6-39 to 30-11.39).
MR. R. SUTRAMDAS (from 1-12-39).

On the Ex-Service Association:

COL. C. E. HALL.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

List of Members, March 31st, 1940.

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1. Messrs. Bangalore Pharmacy.
2. „ Barton, Son & Co., Ltd.
3. „ Bunny's.
4. „ Cash Pharmacy.
5. „ Campbell & Sons.
6. „ Glenand Products.
7. „ Higginbothams.
8. „ Lavender's Hotel.
9. „ Lake View Creamery.
10. „ New Globe Theatre Ltd.
11. „ New Imperial Talkies.
12. „ Patel & Co.
13. „ Parr & Co.
14. „ Palai Central Bank Ltd.
15. „ Shearers Ltd.
16. „ Spencer & Co., Ltd.
17. „ Sutramdas Ltd.
18. „ Webb's Service Station.

Report of the Committee

OF THE

Bangalore Trades Association

for the year 1939—40.

The Committee of the Bangalore Trades Association takes pleasure in presenting this report on the working of the Association for the year 1939-40, together with the year's audited accounts.

During the year, in addition to the Annual General Meeting, there have been 12 Monthly General Meetings, 3 Special General Meetings, and 6 Committee Meetings. Attendances at all meetings have been satisfactory.

Our Loyalty to Britain.

In view of Britain's commitment to a state of war, the following resolution was recorded at this Association's Monthly General Meeting, held on 26th September 1939:—

> "That the Members of the Bangalore Trades Association unanimously resolve to convey to His Majesty's Government in India, through the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, their loyalty to the British Throne in this hour of crisis and their desire to place unhesitatingly, their services at the disposal of the British Crown."

The Secretary to the British Resident in Mysore in acknowledgment, conveyed to this Association the Resident's expression of appreciation of its loyalty to the Crown and of its offer of support to the British Government in this hour of crisis.

Later, again, the Secretary to the Resident wrote, stating that "His Excellency the Crown Representative, to whom a copy of the resolution had been sent, had asked the Resident to convey to the Bangalore Trades Association warm appreciation of the loyal sentiments expressed."

War Purposes Fund.

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore issued an appeal on behalf of the Joint War Committee of the Red Cross Society and St. John's Ambulance Association and also on behalf of St. Dunstan's Hostel for blinded soldiers, sailors and airmen. A public meeting was held on 8th December 1939 at the Mayo Hall when the Hon'ble the Resident explained the measures for the raising of funds. A Committee was formed representing various Associations and communities and the "Master" is this Association's representative on the Committee. It needs to be recorded that most of the members of this Association have, either directly or indirectly, accorded their utmost support to the Resident's appeal. Members have also collected from their employees and staffs.

Prevention of Profiteering in Bangalore.

Instances of undue overcharging on drugs and foodstuffs in the Station, on the out-break of war, were reported to the Bangalore Trades Association. The question of preventing this, and of safeguarding the public was specially discussed in Committee, and a resolution passed "that the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore be requested to take action, such as that taken by the Government of Bengal, with a view to stamping out the profiteering which since the beginning of the war had become evident in Bangalore."

In a subsequent Notification, the Hon'ble the Resident appealed to all tradesmen to resist the temptation to take such unfair advantage of the national emergency and warned them that the unreasonable raising of prices is an action

prejudicial to the public interest and will make those responsible liable to severe penalties under the Defence of India Rules.

A Committee was at once formed by the Collector, C. & M. Station, on which this Association is represented by Mr. A. H. Bridle, Bangalore Pharmacy, and a considerable number of merchants and tradesmen dealing in food stuffs and other essential commodities have given an undertaking to the Collector that they will continue to sell foodstuffs and other essential commodities to retailers in Bangalore at prices not exceeding those prevailing on the 1st September 1939 (except when in accordance with normal market fluctuations) until forced to depart from such prices by increase in cost, and then only to the extent of any such increase.

The Committee has met frequently and has issued, from time to time, lists of ruling prices of food and other essential commodities, with apparently good effect.

Federation of Trades Associations of India.

It is particularly gratifying to report that, during the year under review, the Federation of Trades Associations of India has become an accomplished fact, its Registered Office being at 34 Dalhousie Square, Calcutta. The Bangalore Trades Association may rightly claim that its own conception has at long last materialised.

The First Annual Meeting of the Federation was held in Calcutta on 30th January 1940, our membership being represented by Col. P. A. Barton, first "Master" (1900) of the Bangalore Trades Association. Amongst relevant business discussed by the Federation, the following subjects were brought forward by our Association: (1) The question of Institutions which do not pay Income-tax to Government and yet are permitted to trade with the public, (2) Amendment to Clause 4 of the Army & Air Force Bill, and (3) Improvement of Banking Laws.

Passengers' Baggage—Free Allowance.

In the previous year, the Punjab Trades Association had requested the support of this Association in making joint representation to the Government of India for greater restrictions of free allowances of Passengers' Baggage.

As a result of these joint representations, the Government of India, in 1938, issued a press communique amending the existing baggage rules with effect from 1st January 1939, and restricting considerably the free allowances. Neither the Punjab nor our own Association felt that Government had adequately dealt with the situation, and further joint representations were promptly made; which, it is good to record, have proved reasonably successful. Government has again amended the regulations, notifying further restrictions under the Baggage Rules (Section 7 of the Sea Customs Act) in regard to the following articles: Pictures, Glass and Crockery, Cutlery, Silver and Plated Ware, Household Linen, Cooking Utensils.

Through Booking of Parcels and Goods to Ceylon Government Railways.

A question of extending the scope of through traffic between India and Ceylon received attention of the Ceylon Trade Commissioner for India. It will be recalled that the M. & S. M. Ry. considered that the volume of bookings between Bangalore and stations on the Ceylon Government Railway was not encouraging, and that they therefore did not feel justified in renewing through booking arrangements.

The conviction of this Association is that everything possible should be done to retain the concessions already gained and to induce the railways concerned to popularise the through booking. In response to queries put by the Ceylon Trade Commissioner, the Bangalore Trades Association stated that (1) Extension of facilities is desirable, (2) that

given wide publicity there will be a large flow of goods from India to Ceylon and vice versa (3) that all main points on the M. & S. M. Ry. and other Indian Railways and the Ceylon Government Railway, between which such traffic ought to be extended, should be given wide publicity, (4) that this Association cannot compute the prospective traffic, but feels strongly that publicity should ensure a steady and continuous increase. (5) Straight current rates should apply to all such bookings without the additional charges for through booking. The Railways should look to volume to compensate them for extra facilities granted.

Elimination of Pies from Commercial Transaction.

Attention of the business community has been requisitioned regarding a proposal to eliminate pies from the totals in all commercial transactions. This Association is in favour of such an elimination and understands that similar support is accorded by most Associations interested in trade and commerce. The proposal is now being considered by the Reserve Bank of India.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Amendment to Sec. 7 of Bye-Law No. 4 Chapter II Assessment and Collection—Octroi.

The President, Municipal Commission, having called for objections or suggestions to this proposed amendment (which sought to enable the Town Duty Superintendent to assess octroi at current rates in cases where the invoices produced may appear to him as incorrect), a meeting of the Association held in August 1939, discussed the proposition. Our decision was, that this Association saw no need to lodge any objection, but that there was need to carefully note how the innovation worked in actual practice.

Amendment to Municipal Bye-Law No. 19, Sec. 2, Chapter III—Petroleum.

In order to secure conformity with H. E. the Crown Representative's Notification No. 160—1-B dated the 18th May 1939 in regard to the storage and transport of petroleum, the President, Municipal Commission, called for objections and suggestions in regard to the proposed amendment.

This Association was in agreement with the opinion expressed by the Branch Secretary, A.A.S.I., *i.e.* that from the point of view of ordinary motorists, the amendment referred only to the "Indian Petroleum Act" which makes full and ample provision for motor conveyances.

Amendment to Motor Vehicles Rules.

The President, Municipal Commission, proposed various amendments to the Bangalore (C. & M. Station) Motor Vehicles Rules, 1927, in regard to sounding of horns, heavy motor vehicles, and lights on Motor Vehicles etc.

This Association considered the proposed amendments very carefully and decided to lodge no objections. It was generally felt to be advisable to see the new rules in practice for some time, before framing an opinion on the amendment.

Introduction of Silent Zones.

In September 1939, the Association wrote to the Commissioner of Police, in regard to the desirability of introducing "Silent Zones" in the C. & M. Station, especially on South Parade and Brigade Road, after business hours, and outside cinemas, before and after the session of picture shows.

In reply, the Commissioner of Police explained that if the amendments suggested by him go through, it will be possible to very considerably reduce the noise at such times and places as had been referred to. Incidentally, too, the new Motor Vehicles Act, when introduced will make it easier to deal, as suggested, with special and specified areas.

Amendment to Municipal Bye-Law No. 3 Chapter III.

This Association fully supported the proposed measure to provide for issuing half-yearly licenses to owners of bicycles and tricycles.

New taxation of Hotels and Restaurants.

In order to provide for better control over places licensed for the preparation and sale of articles of food and drink, and over persons employed in such places, the President, Municipal Commission, called for objections and suggestions on the proposed amendments to Bye-Law No. 14 Chapter III.

While fully supporting the proposed amendments in the interests of public health, this Association suggested that the proposed fee should be reduced by 75%. The catering business in Bangalore cannot, in this Association's view, stand any further taxation. The proposed additional taxes, if levied, should be on certain eating houses and tea and coffee shops in which even the most elementary health precautions would appear to be lacking. Members of the Bangalore Trades Association emphasised a belief that even the larger hotels of Bombay and Calcutta, though more favourably situated and doing far more business than is possible in Bangalore, pay comparatively small fees; and, also, that the competition existing in Bangalore, such as that from licensed and unlicensed Boarding houses, leaves little margin from which the established caterer can meet any additional fees or taxation whatsoever.

In commending the above views to the President, Municipal Commission, the Association expressed its confidence that equity and discrimination would not be overlooked by those responsible for the study of the proposals.

It is appreciatively recorded that this Association's representation has resulted favourably, and that the proposed fee has been reduced by 75% as had been recommended by our members.

Amendments to Municipal Bye-Law Chapter III Private Water Supply.

The President, Municipal Commission, proposed certain amendments to the present Bye-Law regarding Private Water Supply. This was considered by the Association. So far as this Association's records are informative, no objection had been raised to the levy of meter deposit. While the proposed amendment was intended to alleviate, in some measure, the responsibility of the occupier, it was felt that the major question was not covered, the question of right, for it has always been held by members of this Association, that before responsibility for the meter can be saddled upon the occupier, he should at least be accorded the right to place his own private lock on the meter box. This the Association considers the more desirable in view of the present method of fastening the boxes with a common coach screw, a contraption which gives no security whatever. The Association therefore suggested that the following clause should be added to the proposed amendment *i.e.* "and he is given charge of the key, and may, should he so desire, place his own lock on the meter box." The Association further suggested inserting a proviso, *i.e.* "which in the confirmed opinion of the Executive Engineer, has been caused wilfully or negligently."

It has since been conceded that occupiers may place their own private locks upon meters.

Association's Representative on the Municpal Commission.

In view of the Municipal elections held in November 1939, beforehand consideration was again given to this Association's proposal that its election of a representative shall be an annual one, instead of the existent triennial election, and the President, Municipal Commission, was again addressed in regard to this.

It is pleasing to report the receipt of a favourable reply, our Association being informed that the Hon'ble the Resident had agreed to fix the term of office of the Trades Association representative on the Municipal Commission at one year, and that steps had been taken to so amend the election rules as to give effect to the proposal from 1st December 1939. The Committee records the appreciation of the Bangalore Trades Association for this concession and its thanks to the President, Municipal Commission, for facilitating its accomplishment.

Request of the Bangalore Commercial Association for joint election of a joint representative to the Municipal Commission.

Members of the Bangalore Trades Association, after lengthy and deliberate discussion, directed the Honorary Secretary to inform the Bangalore Commercial Association that this Association cannot agree to surrendering, for however short a period, the privilege conferred by the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore. Our Honorary Secretary was, however, directed to add that this Association would at any time willingly instruct its representative to support all matters of common interest put forward by the Bangalore Commercial Association and duly approved by the members of the Bangalore Trades Association.

Amendments to Municipal Bye-Law No. 15— Injury and Disfigurement to public property or buildings adjoining public streets and Draft Bye-Law 15/a Chapter III—Control and Regulation of Advertisements.

The proposed amendments have received the very careful attention of this Association. The Association emphasised that it does not object to the proposed amendments to

Sections 2 & 3 of Bye-Law No. 15 Chapter III, but that on the contrary, its members unanimously approved the proposed amendments.

The Association disapproved of the proposed new Bye-Law 15a both in regard to its conception and its provisions, and have strenuously opposed its introduction.

The conclusion of the Association was that reasonable regulating of advertisement sites and matter requires neither taxation nor undue departure from usage in regard to differing classes of trades.

The Association's views were pressed to the full by its representative on the Municipal Commission and the matter is now referred to a Select Committee appointed by the Municipal Commission to report.

The Beggar Problem.

The appointed representatives of this and other Associations and Public Bodies of Bangalore, forming "The Beggar Problem Special Committee," continue the efforts entrusted to them. The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore received the Committee on Thursday 25th May 1939, and discussed with its members, the entire points put forward in the committee's published report and recommendations. The interview closed with the Hon'ble the Resident's assurance that the Special Committee's proposals were to be carefully studied by the President of the Municipal Commission, whose views thereon would be laid before the Resident in due course, preparatory to taking steps, if possible, toward assisting the ends in view.

Until the President of the Municipal Commission requested the Beggar Problem Special Committee to meet him at the Mayo Hall on Friday 8th March 1940, the matter necessarily remained in abeyance, but it is satisfactory to now report progress even though complete success cannot be recorded.

The President of the C. & M. Station Municipal Commission informed the Committee that, as District Magistrate, he would help in solving the so called Beggar Problem, and that steps already being taken were :—

1. The sending of Leper Beggars to the Leper Asylum.
2. Beggars suffering from contagious diseases to be, as far as possible, sent to the Isolation Hospital.
3. Disabled destitutes to be sent to the Anatha Asrayam.
4. Able bodied beggars to be prosecuted and, if convicted, jailed.
5. Persistent able bodied beggars to receive longer periods after first conviction.
6. Appeals to the public to discontinue indiscriminate alms giving.

Only if these steps prove inadequate, the President felt would the need arise to consider the committee's proposed levy of a Poor Rate. Meanwhile he hoped that the Public would co-operate by notifying him of leper beggars and beggars suffering from contagious diseases, so that they may first be cleared from the street. Existing laws in the Station are sufficient to deal with all classes of beggars, the President stated, and further legislation is therefore unnecessary.

Empire and Armistice Day 1939.

On November 11th, 1939, in accordance with annual custom, a Poppy Wreath was placed at the foot of the C. & M. Station's War Memorial on behalf of the members of the Bangalore Trades Association, by Mr. Fred Webb, Master.

Similarly, a floral Imperial Crown, was placed at the Queen Victoria Statue by the "Master" on Empire Day, the 24th May 1939.

Dog Show and Horse Show 1939.

A cup was presented to the Seventh Annual Championship Dog Show conducted by the Mysore Kennel Club. The Show was held on 25th June 1939. A Silver cup was also presented to the Horse Show held on 21st, 22nd and 23rd June 1939.

Obituary.

The Association deeply regrets to place on record the deaths of Major A. S. Andrews (The Chemists Syndicate) and Mr. J. M. Charles (Lakeview Estate Creamery), which occurred on 24th June and 5th July 1939 respectively.

The late Major Andrews, who was a pioneer of the modern amenities of Bangalore C. & M. Station, joined this Association in 1917, and for 22 years had at all times given of his best to Bangalore as well as to the Association. On three occasions he held the office of "Master" and as Honorary Treasurer, Trades Municipal representative, and Trades Representative on the Excise Committee, he displayed invariable judgment, tact and conscientiousness, acting with credit and advantage to this Association, at all times and in every circumstance.

The late Mr. Charles, one of the most genial and successful tradesmen in this Station, joined the Association seven years ago, making no secret of his aspiration to one day become "Master." He attained that honour shortly before his tragically sudden demise. To each member of this Association and to his host of friends, *the passing of James Meadows Charles has brought unforgettable sadness and regret.*

The Committee deeply regrets to record the death, on 11th March 1940, in Bombay, of His Highness the Yuvaraja of Mysore, Immediately on receipt of the sad news our Association telegraphed to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore:—

> "Please convey to His Highness and to the Royal Family of Mysore our deepest sympathy on the demise of the beloved Yuvaraja of Mysore."

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Association held on 26th March 1940:—

> "Resolved, that the members of the Bangalore Trades Association, do hereby place on record this Association's deep concern and regret at the demise of His Highness Sir Kantirava Narasimharaja Wadiyar, G.C.I.E., the late Yuvaraja of Mysore."

Amendments to Rules and Articles of Association.

In view of the indefiniteness of wording to which members have from time directed attention, certain amendments have this year been made to the Rules and Articles of the Bangalore Trades Association.

Acknowledgments.

Acknowledgments and thanks are recorded to:—

1. His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, for monthly copies of the "Commercial Bulletin."
2. The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for Weekly Market Reports.
3. The Station Staff Officer, for copies of Station Orders.

4. The Editors: American Exporter, London Chamber of Commerce Journal, The Mercantile Guardian.

5. Messrs. Paterson & Co., Madras, for Weekly Market Reports.

6. The Editor, Daily Post, for publishing proceedings of meetings, and for many similar courtesies.

7. Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd., for lending and lighting the room in which the Associations meetings are held.

8. Mr. Elliot Miller, for rent-free Registered Office and incidental amenities.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, we wish to place on record our gratitude to the various Heads of Departments with whom we have had occasions to come into contact. We are grateful to our Sister Associations and the Mysore Chamber of Commerce for the help and advice they have given us from time to time. We wish the Bangalore Trades Association continued success.

Addressing the Members of the Bangalore Trades Association at the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd April 1940, at 6-30 p.m. at the premises of Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd., Mr. Fred Webb, The Master, said:—

Gentlemen,

I am privileged and pleased to welcome you all at this 41st Annual General Meeting of the Bangalore Trades Association, but it is not my intention to harass you with a long speech. The times we are passing through call rather for action, and those who know me well, would, I believe, count on me for getting things done rather than for talking of doing or having done them.

In regard to the year now past, my part in this Association's work is summed up in the Committee's Report which our Honorary Secretary has read out to us, and it remains only for me to say how appreciative I am for the help and support I have received right through, from everybody. Deeply as I regret the pathos of the period in which I was called upon to assume the Mastership—I refer to the passing of my immediate predecessor, James Meadows Charles—I took courage from officers and Committee and have never once looked back.

Within my term of office, the inevitable has fallen upon the world—the war clouds have burst in Europe—and the trade conditions foreshadowed a year ago are now in process of expression. Even here, in Bangalore, we must not be tempted, as traders, to feel remote or apart from the vortex of actual conflict. To decide and to dare and to do must be our policy, and in our limited sphere, to spend our every effort to hold aloft the flag of Empire Trade. The Bangalore Trades Association is now more than a unit in questions arising on India and Overseas Trade, it is part of the

Federation of Trades Associations of India, and takes pride in the roll it has acted in creating that Federation. My feeling is that war vicissitudes will establish our Federation firmly as a rock in Indian Trade affairs—a Gibraltar for Trade to rely on and maintain—and I am glad that we did so well in this respect through our delegate at the First Annual General Meeting of the Federation held in January at Calcutta.

"Throughout the past year, our Association has steadily, conservatively, I might say, stood by its traditions and kept its powder dry, though in local matters, routine and "qui vive" work for its members made this an exceptionally busy year.

The seven war months in the year have been rather a period of marking time, but policy and plans can now be embarked upon. There is a great drive in progress toward increasing and protecting Indian Industries. Let us not sit back and see our own trade interests suffer. I think I am right in saying that most of our members look more to imported commodities, though indigenous contribution to turnovers may be considerable. By helping England's exports we shall be helping ourselves and India, by helping win the war.

I feel that we need to get together and to encourage each other. With the exports from India necessarily increasing, there will be more spending power for the people, more trade for the tradesmen, employment for our staffs and a more established trading prospect for us all. I feel this a time for enterprise.

By all means encourage the Industries of India, but let us remember that importation is one of such, a fact which war will never reverse.

In the matter of prices, our Association has taken its part in suppressing temptation to profiteer, and Bangalore in general can be congratulated on the fairmindedness of its purveyors in that respect; cases which came into question have been due to misunderstanding rather than to selfishness or greed, and have been always amiably adjusted.

I feel sure many members will expect me to make mention of one other matter, and that is the proposed advertisement tax. The Association has strenously opposed its introduction. Apart from other considerations, the prevailing conditions make this a most bewildering time for all trades and business in this Station. I hold the view that advertising is the life blood of trade and should be encouraged. Unsightly advertisements are another matter and can be controlled by existent laws. Let us keep Bangalore beautiful by all means, and do not let us put up with unseemly or disfiguring advertisements. But control is one thing, whilst taxation of advertisements is a very different matter. I am hopeful, even yet, that undue imposition of an advertisement tax may be averted.

It is good to be able to tell you that our own office records show considerable improvement in credit conditions in the Civil and Military Station—people are cutting their coats more according to their cloth, and the spirit and outlook of trade is distinctly on the upgrade. Let us, I say again, get together, to keep the barometer rising, remembering always, that what we do to help Bangalore Trade is helpful to us, helpful to India and to the Empire and will in its way be helpful in winning the war. Within our own Association, in our contact with other Associations, and amongst our individual members, let there be an ever closer understanding and desire to help each other in each others businesses and problems.

In conclusion, Gentlemen, I wish to express my thanks to all office-bearers for their support during my tenure of office. In particular I would like to express my thanks for the splendid assistance rendered by our Office Manager, Mr. B. Seshadri, who has in the past year excelled in zeal and initiative.

I wish the Bangalore Trades Association great and continued success.

ACCOUNTS & BALANCE SHEET

FOR

31st March 1940.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 1940

EXPENDITURE.	Rs.	A.	P.	INCOME.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Establishment (including Bonus)	963	0	0	By Subscriptions for 1939—40	1135	0	0
,, Printing and Stationery (including Annual Report Rs. 58/8/-) ...	127	5	0	,, Commission on Debt Collection	193	13	4
,, Postage and Telegrams	62	7	6	,, Legal fees recovered	112	4	0
,, Entertainment	60	4	0	,, Subscription to Dog and Horse Show (Cup) ...	30	0	0
,, Filing fee to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.	12	0	0	,, Subscription to Delegation to the Federation of Trades Associations of India...	221	0	0
,, Legal fees	112	4	0	,, Miscellaneous	10	0	0
,, Dog and Horse Show cups	30	0	0	,, Excess of Expenditure on Income carried to Capital account...	143	14	2
,, Audit fees	25	0	0				
,, Uniforms to Peons	9	4	0				
,, Expenses:—Empire, Armistice Day and Obituary a/c	14	0	0				
,, Federation of Trades Associations of India:—							
Annual Subscription for 1939 & 1940 Rs. 100 0 0							
Delegation charges ... ,, 232 10 0							
	332	10	0				
,, Subscription to Indian Empire Society	10	0	0				
,, Miscellaneous (including Office equipment and Bank charges) ...	68	9	6				
,, Subscription irrecoverable written off	6	3	6				
,, Depreciation on Furniture	13	0	0				
TOTAL Rs...	1845	15	6	TOTAL Rs...	1845	15	6

Checked and found correct.

BANGALORE,
Dated 18th April 1940.

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR,
Registered Accountant.

A. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.

A. H. BRIDLE,
Hon. Treasurer.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1940

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.				Rs.	A.	P.
Capital Account.						
Balance on 31-3-40	Rs.	430	12 1			
Less excess of expenditure over Income for 39—40 ...	,,	143	14 2			
				286	13	11
Sundry Creditors.						
Spencer & Co., Ltd.	,,	9	13 4			
Higginbothams	,,	11	0 0			
Audit fee outstanding	,,	25	0 0			
				45	13	4
Office Establishment for March 1940 ...			...	74	0	0
Subscription paid in advance ...			...	10	0	0
Debt Collection Account.						
Debts recovered	,,	1215	14 9			
Less paid to Members	,,	1215	14 9			
(Excludes collection remitted direct to members)						
TOTAL Rs...				416	11	3

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.				Rs.	A.	P.
Furniture Account.						
(Typewriter, Books, Bicycles)						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	Rs.	132	0 0			
Less Depreciation for the year ...	,,	13	0 0			
				119	0	0
Members Subscription due			...	69	0	0
(Considered doubtful Rs. 10/-)						
Postage due (from Travancore National and Quilon Bank Ltd., in Liquidation) (considered doubtful)			...	7	9	0
Cash and Bank Balances :—						
With Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bangalore, in Current account...	,,	215	5 9			
With the Travancore National and Quilon Bank Ltd., in Liquidation in Current a/c (Doubtful) ...	,,	1	0 0			
Cash on hand	,,	4	12 6			
				221	2	3
TOTAL Rs...				416	11	3

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year ending 31st March 1940 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended that date and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet of the Association is drawn up in conformity with the Law and exhibits a true and correct state of affairs of the Association as on 31st March 1940 and as shown by the books of Association. In my opinion, the books of account have been kept as required by the law.

BANGALORE,
Dated 18th April 1940.

A. SMITH,
Hon Secretary.

A. H. BRIDLE,
Hon. Treasurer.

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR, B. Com., G.D.A., R.A.
Registered Accountant.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Office-Bearers, 1940—41.

Master:
MR. FRED WEBB.

Immediate Past Master:
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Honorary Treasurer:
MRS. V. CARLETON.

Honorary Secretary:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

Committee:
MR. A. SMITH.
MR. F. L. PAXTON.
MR. FRED PARR.
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.

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On the Mysore Chamber of Commerce:
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

On the A. F. I. Advisory Committee:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

On the Excise Advisory Committee:
MR. R. SUTRAMDAS.

On the Ex-Service Association:
COL. C. E. HALL.

DEPARTMENT.

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To

The Honorary Secretary,
Bangalore Trades Association,
17 A South Parade, Bangalore.

Subject:- Annual report for 1939-40.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the annual report on the working of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year 1939-40, forwarded with your letter dated the 24th May 1940.

I have, etc.,

for Secy. to the Resident.

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Secy DM 3

Bangalore Trades Association

FOUNDED 1898. (INCORPORATED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1882.)

—MEMBER—
FEDERATION OF TRADES ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA.

United Kingdom Contact:—
London Association
for Protection of Trade.

All Cheques and Remittances to be made payable to Bangalore Trades Association.

TELEPHONE 129

Registered Office:
17a South Parade,
BANGALORE,

13th May - 1941

Examine for mention of Retrenchment etc if any

The Secretary to the
Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Committee of this Association for the year 1940-41.

I have the honour to remain
Sir,
Yours faithfully,
J R Campbell
Capt
Honorary Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.
15 MAY 1941
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ANNUAL REPORT

WITH AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FROM

1st APRIL 1942 to 31st MARCH, 1943.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

PAST MASTERS.

1899	...	Mr. O. J. Bird.
1900—1	...	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1901—2	...	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1902—3	...	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1904	...	Mr. I. Bronson.
1905	...	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1906	...	Mr. J. B. Forster.
1907	...	Mr. W. Davis.
1908	...	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1909	...	Mr. W. Davis.
1910	...	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1911—12	...	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1912	...	Mr. S. H. Elliot.
1913	...	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1914	...	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1915	...	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1916	...	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1917	...	Mr. J. R. Campbell.
1918—19	...	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1919—20	...	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1920—21	...	Mr. R. Laver.
1921—22	...	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1922—23	...	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1923—24	...	Mr. W. Wailling.
1924—25	...	Mr. R. Laver.
1925—26	...	Mr. R. Laver.
1926—27	...	Mr. J. R. Thomson.
1927—28	...	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1928—29	...	Mr. G. A. Lavender.
1929—30	...	Mr. G. L. Harvey.
1930—31	...	Mr. G. L. Harvey.
1931—32	...	Mr. A. H. Bridle.
1932—33	...	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1933—34	...	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1934—35	...	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1935—36	...	Mr. F. Weaver. Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1936—37	...	Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1937—38	...	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1938—39	...	Mr. Elliot Miller.
1939—40	...	Mr. J. M. Charles. Mr. Fred Webb.
1940—41	...	Mr. Fred Webb.
1941—42	..	Mr. A. H. Bridle.
1942—43	...	Mr. J. R. Campbell.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Members of the Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Office-Bearers, 1942—43.

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Honorary Treasurer:
MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE.

Honorary Secretary:
MR. H. A. ALDERSON.

Committee:
MR. H. E. ROSEBOOM.
MR. F. L. PAXTON.
MR. D. K. BELGAMVALA.
MR. M. COOPER.

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COL. C. E. HALL, E.D.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION.

Member of the Federation of Trades Associations of India.

List of Members during 1942—43.

1. Messrs. Associated Publishers Limited, Higginbothams' Dept., Booksellers, Stationers, Printers, Engravers; Victory House, South Parade, Agents for "The Mail," & "The Statesman," Telephone 129.
2. ,, Bangalore Daily Post, Madras Bank Road, Telephone 260-a.
3. ,, Bangalore News Agency, Librarians and News Agents, 6-E, Brigade Road.
4. ,, Bangalore Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, 18 South Parade, Telephone 123.
5. ,, Barton, Son & Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Jewellers and Silversmiths, Diamond Merchants, Art Metal Workers, Masonic Outfitters, Watch and Clock Makers, Photographers, etc., South Parade, Telephone 80.
6. ,, Bunny's, High Class English Confectioners and Caterers to Officer's Camps and British Forces, South Parade, and Residency Road, Telephones 174 and 270.
7. ,, Campbell & Sons, General Merchants, Licensed Plumbers, Electrical and Sanitary Engineering Contractors, Avenue Road.
8. ,, Cash Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, 3, St. Mark's Road, Telephone 103.
9. ,, Central Hotel, Lavelle Road, Telephone 127.
10. ,, City Milk Supply, Sydney Road, Telephone 85.
11. ,, Funnells Ltd., Confectioners and Caterers, Fully Licensed Restaurateurs, 16 South Parade.
12. ,, Glenand Products, Glenand Dog Biscuit Manufacturers, etc., South Parade.

13. Messrs. Globe Theatres Ltd.—The New Globe Picture House, South Parade, Telephone 143.

14. „ Kathleen Doyle, Gowns & Hats, South Parade.

15. „ Lake View Estate Creamery, Suppliers of Fresh Dairy Produce, Distributors of Refrigerated Products, 1, Old Madras Road.

16. „ "Mysindia" (Hosali Power Press), 1/a South Parade.

17. „ Lavender's Hotel, Cubbon Road, Telephone 120.

18. „ New Imperial Talkies, Residency Road, 'Phone 78.

19. „ Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bankers, Members of Reserve Bank of India, South Parade, 'Phone 167.

20. „ Parr & Co., Auctioneers, Commission, House and Estate Agents, Agents The Norwich Mutual Life Office, St. Mark's Road.

21. „ R. Patel & Co., Automibile Engineers, Agents for "Pontiac" and "Vauxhall" Cars, St. Mark's Rd. Telephone 28.

22. „ Shearers Ltd., Direct Importers of Hats, Gowns, Corsets etc., Dress Makers and Milliners, 2, St. Mark's Road.

23. „ Simpson & Co., Ltd., Automobile Engineers Agents and Coach Builders, Gas Plant Agents, South Parade, Telephone 149.

24. „ Snaize Bros., Monumentalists, Brigade Road.

25. „ Spencer & Co., Ltd., Wholesale and Retail Merchants and Importers, General Merchants, South Parade, Telephone 79.

26. „ Sutramdas Ltd,, Proprietors of Cinemas, Main Guard Cross Road. Telephone 118, and B. R. V. Theatre, Telephone 147.

27. „ Webb's Sales & Service, Automobile Engineers, Authorised 'Ford' Dealers, South Parade, Telephone 186.

28. „ Whitney Coates & Co., Auctioneers, Furnishers, Commission and Estate Agents, 15, Cubbon Rd.

Report of the Committee

OF THE

Bangalore Trades Association

for the year 1942—43.

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting upon the Association's activities during the year ended 31st March 1943. In its presentation at this period in the fourth year of World Conflict, due regard is advisedly conceded to economy of paper, but members seeking more detailed information upon any action or subject, are invited to request such of the Honorary Secretary.

Meetings.

The number of meetings held during the year are shown in the table given below:—

Kind of Meetings		Number held.
General	...	12
Committee	...	7
Emergent Special	...	1
Annual	...	1

In all 21 meetings were held and the attendance at these meetings has been encouraging. Your Committee need nevertheless to appeal to members for still better attendance and for yet greater individual help and a more progressive personal interest on the part of each and every member.

Membership.

The membership now stands at 27 as compared with 26 at the last year end. There have been two admissions and one resignation.

Donations.

The Member firms of this Association continue to associate themselves with the various war efforts etc., of this Station, and with deserving local Institutions, either in the form of donations, gifts, prizes or programme advertising.

Members and their friends contributed Rs. 250 to the Christmas Orphanage Ship which was launched and piloted by The Daily Post Newspaper.

The Association in response to the Hon'ble the Resident's appeal sent a contribution of Rs. 50 to the "Light Tank Fund."

It is hoped that the Association will be enabled to be continuously helpful in future efforts toward assisting the deserving local Institutions and toward a successful prosecution of the War.

Debts of Officers of His Majesty's Forces.

The Association's delegate revived this subject at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India held in Madras, last year, and representations were also made, in person, to Government, by the President, Federation of Trades Associations of India, Mr. A. T. Luker, whilst he was visiting Delhi.

Later, a general communication was issued by Government, a copy of which is appended (*see p. 17*). It is satisfactory to record that a more sympathetic attitude has been adopted by the Authorities, for many accounts have been realised through the assistance more recently conceded by Commanding Officers. Your Committee still feels, however, that a revision of the existing legislation is necessary as regards attachment of pay. This question the Federation may take up at the end of the war.

Basic Period For Imports

Whilst in Delhi, the President, Federation of Trades Associations of India, personally presented the suggestion which our

Association placed before the Federation's last meeting. emphasising the necessity to revise the existent basic period of one year in regard to importations from Great Britain and the Dominions as well as from all unoccupied neutral countries. The President pressed for hastening improvement in the present difficult method of obtaining import licenses and for the revalidation of all existing licenses.

We reproduce in this report, the following relevant notes extracted from the Annual Report of the Federation for the year 1942 :—

> "Members will appreciate that this subject cannot be considered in terms of imports only. The extension if it were allowed would have involved an increase in imports which would have had to be balanced by an increase in exports. Apart from the question of obtaining shipping space it has been difficult to suggest any commodities which are not required for war purposes and which could, therefore, be spared for increasing exports, particularly as the Resolution required, to neutral countires.
>
> No general extension of the period has therefore yet been secured nor has it been possible to secure an exception for any particular commodity. It is hoped that normal conditions will soon prevail and that the need for restrictions on imports and exports will be unnecessary."

Advancing of Clocks by an hour.

Our last year's Report records that this Association, in war circumstances, unanimously endorsed the proposal of advancing the clock by one hour. The matter was later taken up through the Federation of Trades Associations of India, your Committee feeling that the scheme had numerous advantages, particularly at the present time when every hour of daylight should have a

special war value in the manufacturing of munitions and war materials.

Indian Standard time, 6½ hours ahead of Greenwich Mean time has, as we all know, been adopted throughout India with effect from midnight of the 31st August 1942.

Whether a general benefit has resulted remains to be seen; there will be many who question the completeness of its success.

Identity Discs for Civil Population.

The Association was consulted regarding the desirability of providing identity discs for the Civil Population. The Collector explained that if adopted the scheme would ensure quick and easy identification of any causualties during an air raid or other hostile attacks. It would facilitate early report to those concerned; it would also facilitate any claims and rights which may be preferred by survivors of victims or by informed people. The Association notified the Collector that the scheme was felt to be a desirable one, and necessary.

Surcharge on Income-Tax and Super-Tax.

Members will recall that this Association had enquired of the Collector as to whether the amounts assessed represented a special war measure in British India and whether that measure has been made similarly applicable to this Station. The Collector had in reply assured the Association that the entire proceeds derived from the surcharge levied on income-tax would be utilised toward meeting special war expenditure in the Station, and would be treated without question as a definitely temporary war-emerency measure.

In May 1942, however, the Collector notified us that the utilisation of surcharge levied under the Indian Finance Act for war expenditure in the Station would continue to be utilised towards war expenditure for the duration of the war, or until such time as retrocession takes place.

Our Association further queried the full circumstances under which the period of taxation had been extended beyond the terms set out previously, and we have, in reply, been informed that the circumstances under which the arrangement had been continued are the same as those under which it was originally sanctioned, viz. to meet extra expenditure in the Station necessitated by war conditions.

Food Price Control.

In July 1942, the attention of our Association was directed to many complaints of soaring prices of foodstuffs such as rice, ragi, sugar and kerosene. The Association at that time felt that no action by this Association was immediately desirable, as the Local Food Price Advisory Committee was doing everything possible to maintain a fair level of food prices. The local Government are keenly watching the situation and have appointed a special Officer in active charge of price control work and to put down profiteering.

A rationing system has since been introduced in the Station, and the details of how it is functioned have been given in a booklet issued by the Food Controller. This Association has since joined other local Associations in forming a Joint Committee to debate upon Bangalore's "Food situation" and to follow and judge the working of the introduced rationing system,

Hospital Savings Association

The Bangalore Ratepayers' Association submitted a scheme of medical relief on lines similar to those of the Hospital Savings Association in England. The Association considered this at a meeting held in July 1942.

Your Committee, guided by its medico-membership, expressed doubt whether the present time was opportune for starting an Association of this kind, in view of uncertain existent conditions. It was reasoned that a result of the scheme, as proposed, might lead to even greater strain than the already scanty accommodation imposed upon the local hospitals, especially in the present

emergency when a certain number of beds have, by order, to be reserved against a possibility of urgent casualties.

Your Committee were led to feel also, that if the scheme should fructify immediately, there would be a likelihood of too severe a strain upon the meagre resources always incidental to new schemes, and that it would be advisable to consider the scheme rather as a sick benefit organisation, providing for insurance against sickness for those willing to participate in it.

Details on the proposed working of the scheme are yet to be decided, we understand, and a special meeting of representatives from the local Associations is to be presently convened.

Shortage of Small Coins

The local shortage of small coins was brought to the attention of the Association during November 1942. This being an All-India problem, it was decided to request the Federation of Trades Associations of India to make suitable representation to the Government of India.

The Government of India felt that hoarding, probably for profit, was the main and real cause of the trouble. A press communique notified the public that it is an offence against the law to hoard coin in excess of reasonable requirement, or to buy or sell coin for other than its face value.

The President, Federation of Trades Associations of India, after interviewing the Finance Member has stated that the shortage was much more acute in the North. He reported that Government was doing everything possible, and that efforts were being made to overcome the difficulties by greatly increased production. The shortage is due to hoarding, and it is known that many are buying small change and dealing in it. This, we are informed, is "one of those unfortunate things that happen" and "Government are doing everything possible to check it".

Importation of Packed and Tinned Foodstuffs.

This Association supported the Bombay Presidency Trades Association in their representation to the Commerce Department, Government of India. relating to this subject. It was stated that the importation of packed and tinned foodstuffs was entirely prohibited from the United Kingdom, Canada, U. S. A. and Australia. This, in effect, meant complete prohibition of supplies from almost any source, as (with the exception of the above mentioned countries) there are very few other allied countries in which the manufacture of foodstuffs leaves an exportable surplus, or from whence shipping space is available to export to India.

Postal Matters.

Serious delays had been experienced by our Members at Sub-Post Offices.

On representing the matter to the Postmaster, it is satisfactory to record that he has been able to overcome the local difficulties and that Sub-Post Offices are functioning with normal precision and service.

Telephone Matters

Certain members received intimation from the Sub-Divisional Officer, Telegraphs, Bangalore, that their telephones would be disconnected immediately, if required and requestioned by the Military Authorities.

Your Committee suggested to the Sub-Divisional Officer that before any business houses are deprived of their telephones, all private installations should be appropriated for Military requirements, incidentally reminding him that the members of this Association were pioneers in the introduction of telephones to the Civil and Military Station, having agitated for it in the years 1908 and 1909. It was reasonable, they now submitted, that theirs should be the last to be disconnected.

In reply the authorities stated that every effort would be made to specifically safeguard the businses needs of telephone subscribers belonging to the Bangalore Trades Association.

At the Association's request, Mr. O. C. Catley, Sub-Divisional Officer, Telegraphs, Bangalore, specially attended our September Monthly Meeting, and personally explained the Department's shortage of equipment and the circumstances under which it became imperative that telephones in certain instances would need to be surrendered. He, however, assured our members that everything possible would be done to minimise tradespeople's inconvenience.

The Beggar Problem.

Members will have in mind the years of effort by this Association to minimise the Station's Beggar Problem, and the Special Report by the Special Joint Committee which had been appointed to deal with this matter.

A Committee for the Prohibition of Beggary is now set up by the Government of Mysore " to take suitable measures to put down beggary, and to provide facilities for the infirm and disabled."

The Government Committee's Secretary sent this Association the Government's Questionnaire soliciting the views of our members. The questionnaire was considered by a Sub-Committee of the Bangalore Trades Association and their deliberations were submitted to Mysore Government. It is understood that Government has received its Committee's finally prepared report and that this will be published shortly. Incidentally, a copy of the Beggar Problem Special Committee's Report (Feb. 1939) has been forwarded to each member of the Mysore Government Committee.

As the President and Vice-President of the Station's Municipal Commission are also members of this Committee, it is hoped that the Committee's findings will be given effect to in the Station-

C. & M. Station Motor Vehicle Tax—Whether Based on Possession or Use or Both.

Attention was drawn by the local Branch of the Automobile Association of Southern India, to the fact that Schedule C framed under Sec. 137 (1) of the Bangalore Municipal Law is so worded that "possession" and not "possession with use" is specified, and that mere possession appeared to be made the basis of motor vehicle taxation.

The President, Municipal Commission, was addressed in the matter, your Committee supporting the contention of the A. A. S. I., and requesting amendment of the faulty Bye-Law, at least to cover duration of the war. At present, in the interest of the war effort, petrol is being so severely rationed that most civilian car-owners do not find it worth while to use their cars, and your Committee emphasised this point in their appeal.

The reply received from the President is recorded with appreciation. It stated that the taxation of motor vehicles in the Station would be made dependent on the "possession *and* use" of such vehicles, and that measures were being adopted to refund taxes already paid, proportionately and according to this ruling, where owners did not actually use their cars.

Insanitation on South Parade.

At one of our meetings, the attention of your Committee was directed to the offensive situation of Military latrines on the Parade Maidan, from whence an obnoxious stench was wafted to the premises of adjacent business firms, being particularly undesirous, if not dangerous, in the case of catering firms in the vicinity. The Station Staff Officer was requested by us to arrange for transfer of the latrines to a quarter more remote and less objectionable. In reply we were informed that the latrines in question were only temporary structures which would shortly be replaced by more sanitary arrangements reasonably remote from

the roadside of South Parade. This promise has been duly carried out.

Cinema Bar Licenses.

The Cinema members of the Association brought to the attention of your committee that by a Notification of the Government of India, Defence Department, all licenses for the sale of liquor were to be withdrawn from public Cinemas in the C. & M. Station of Bangalore. Your Committee after careful deliberation, appealed to the authorities to reconsider this drastic order, or at least to grant sufficient time for its hurried unloading of our Cinema Members' stocks. Extension of time for the disposal of the stocks was granted, but we were notified that it was not the intention of the Military Authorities to sanction the re-opening of cinema bars during the war, a ruling in which our Municipal authorities appeared to have no voice.

Representation on Municipal Commission

Mr. J. Isaac, B.A., B.L., (Manager, Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bangalore) was re-elected at the Monthly General Meeting held in October 1942, to serve as this Association's representative on the Municipal Commission, for another year, *i.e.* up to 30th November 1943, this being the third successive year in which the honour has been passed to Mr. Isaac.

The Members took occasion to express unanimous appreciation of the many unfailing services rendered by their representative, paying especial tribute to the able, courteous and fearless tact with which the Association's wishes and representatations had been "Municipalised" by Mr. Issac's genial pertinacity.

Street Urchins on South Parade

The Association suggested to the Commissioner of Police that any effort that could be made by his department to reduce the street urchin nuisance, particularly on South Parade, would be very much welcomed, as its persistence was derogatory to the dignity and good name of Bangalore.

The Commissioner's reply stated that our suggestion has been receiving all possible attention of the police as part of their routine duty. Incidentally, your Committee have pleasure in recording an obvious lessening of the nuisance in recent months.

Addition to Bye-Law No. 2 Chapter III—Buildings.

The President, Municipal Commission, called for objections or suggestions in regard to a proposed addition to Bye-Law No. 2 Chapter III, levy of a license fee for the erection or re-erection of buildings in the C. & M. Station.

In May 1938 when a similar proposal was made, the Association emphasised its strong opposition on the grounds that property owners, being already taxed as such, should not be called upon to pay additional taxation.

In the present instance, however, our Association has supported this amendment as a temporary measure, it being planned to meet certain current increased outlays of the Municipality. Such circumstances notwithstanding, our Association is strongly of the opinion that the new levy should be abandoned as soon as the need for it has passed, and has emphasised this point in its reply to the Municipal President.

Traffic Rules and Regulations.

Our last Report will have made it known that this Association along with other Associations, had met the Commissioner of Police and the District Magistrate in regard to several points raised, i. e. the levying of exorbitant fines and the better planning of Traffic Islands, Halt signals, etc.

The Association conssidered a representation direct to the Hon'ble the Resident, as proposed by the S. D. R. P. Association, but supported the proposal only so far as it concerned (1) Remission of fines levied in all cases connected with the traffic island on Residency Road and (2) fines heavily disproportionate to the triviality of an offence.

It is placed upon record, for purposes of this Report, that the Hon'ble the Resident after careful enquiry, considered that there was no reason, in any case at such distant date, for a remission of fines against persons who had violated the traffic rule at the Residency Road traffic island.

Legislative Measures for Storage of Kerosene Oil.

The President, Municipal Commission, invited objections or suggestions for the grant of licenses for storage and sale of kerosene oil under Sec. 103/1 of the Bangalore Municipal Law.

The Association approved of the proposed scheme.

New Traffic Rules.

The Association approved of the addition to Rule 2 (a) of the New Traffic Rules—Bye-Law No. 21 Chapter III which read ; "' Provided that persons wheeling cycles shall, whenever possible, walk on the "off" side of the road, *i.e.* "keeping approaching traffic on their left hand side".

Revised Fares for Conveyances.

The Revised Fares for conveyances falling under the Hackney Carriage Rules and also under Bye-law No. 17 Chapter III—Card Rules, as proposed by the President, Municipal Commission, were considered by your Committee. The proposed revisions receive the support of the Association, the raises being considered fair in present circumstances.

New Taxation of Hotels and Restaurants.

It will be recalled that in April 1939 when the new taxation of hotels and restaurants was proposed in order to provide for better control over places licensed for the preparation and sale of articles of food and drink and over persons employed in such places, the Association fully supported the proposal, as being in the interest of public health, though incidentally adding the suggestion

that the then proposed fee be reduced by 75%. It is satisfactory to state that our suggestion resulted favourably.

When in December last, the President, Municipal Commission, invited objections and suggestions to proposed amendments regarding changes in the scale of existing fees (prescribed in Sec. 2/a of Bye-Law No. 14 Chapter III) your Association supported the proposed amendments.

Government and Public Holidays.

An effort was made by the Association to secure support for curtailing the number of holidays. The effort met with no success. The question is again to be raised.

11th November, Armistice Day. "Lest We Forget."

In accord with custom on this day, the Members' "In-Memoriam" wreath was laid at the base of the Unknown Warrior's Cenotaph Statue, by the Master of the Bangalore Trades Association.

Empire Day Observance.

The Association's Tribute to Empire, a Floral Imperial Crown, was laid at the base of Queen Victoria's Statue, on 24th May 1942, by the Master of the Association.

Dog Show 1942.

In response to a request by the Mysore Kennel Club, our Association sent a cash donation to the Tenth Championship Dog Show, in lieu of our usual prize cup, the proceeds of this year's show being earmarked to the War Funds. The show was successfully held at the Glass House, Lalbagh, on 21st June 1942.

Obituary.

Our Association regrets to record the deaths of Mr. T. M. Babington (Editor, Daily Post) and Mr. V. Ramalinga Mudaliar (Proprietor of Imperial Talkies and of the Daily Post) which occurred on 24th June 1942 and 18th December 1942 respectively.

The late Mr. Babington has to his life's credit the raising of Bangalore's Daily newspaper to a journalistic platform of outstanding merit, thus setting his editorial successor an example of zealous public service to emulate and sustain.

The following resolution was adopted at the Monthly General meeting of the Association held on 1st July 1942:

> "That the Members of the Bangalore Trades Association place on record their profound sense of sorrow at the death, on 24th June 1942, of Mr. T. M. Babington, one of the oldest members of this Association, and their appreciation of his valuable services to the C. & M. Station of Bangalore as Editor of the Bangalore Daily Post."

The late Mr. V. Ramalinga Mudaliar was proprietor of the Bangalore Daily Post and of the New Imperial Talkies, both members for many years of this Association.

The death of Mr. Ramalingam has removed from trade, industry and commerce a man of exceptional enterprise and foresight. At our meeting held on 26th June 1942, the following resolution was adopted :—

> "That the Members of the Bangalore Trades Association record their regret at the death on 18th Dec. 1942, at Bangalore, of Mr. V. Ramalinga Mudaliar."

Notifications Made Applicable to the Station.

War Risks (Goods) Insurance Ordinance 1942
War Risks (Factories) Insurance Ordinance 1942
House Rent Control Order 1941
The Wheat Control Order 1942
Tyre Rationing Order 1942
The European British Evacuee Order 1942
Bangalore C. & M. Station Aids to Movement Order 1942
Pipes Control Order 1942

Enemy Agents Ordinance 1943
Paper Control Order 1942
Sulphuric Acid Control Order 1942
Motor Vehicles (Kerosene Prohibition) Order 1942
C. & M. Stn. of Bangalore (Application of Laws) Order 1942
Tar & Bitumen Control Order 1942.

Amongst many other questions dealt with, or yet to be settled, are: Increased Bus Service in the Station, Honorary Special Police Officers, Profiteering in the Liquor Trade, Air Raid Precautions and Business Hours of Banks.

Appreciation.

Your Committee takes this opportunity of extending appreciative thanks to :—

The Principal Information Officer, Government of India, for "Indian Information" received from time to time.

His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, for copies of "Commercial Bulletin."

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for weekly Market Reports.

The Editors, "American Exporter" and "London Chamber of Commerce Journal."

Messrs. Paterson & Co., Madras, for Market Reports.

The Editor, Daily Post, for publishing proceedings of meetings etc.

The Editor "Mysindia" for much helpful publicity.

Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd., The New Globle Theatre and Simpson & Co., Ltd., for free use of rooms in which our meetings have been held.

The following, for copies of their Annual Reports :—
Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association.

Bangalore Ratepayers' Association.
Bangalore Circle, European Association.
Bangalore Commercial Association.
Southern Division Ratepayers' Association.
The Federation of Trades Associations of India.
The Bombay Presidency Trades Association Ltd.
The Calcutta Trades Association.
The Madras Trades Association.

Debt Collection.

It is satisfactory to note that in debt collection we have done better than ever. This Department is fully equipped and has collected in the year under review about eight thousand rupees. Your Committee recommends to members the usefulness of this branch of our work and that every member should take full advantage of it. In this connection we must express our special thanks to all Sister Associations for their ever helpful co-operation, a spirit which we always shall endeavour to reciprocate.

Conclusion.

In conclusion we take this opportunity of thanking all Sister Associations and the Chamber of Commerce for their invariable co-operation also, the various Heads of Government Departments with whom we need to be constantly corresponding; we much appreciate their sympathetic attitude in all matters. Our final wish is, that the Bangalore Trades Association may go forward from success — to success.

APPENDIX.

Copy of letter No. 3836-A/D,6, dated New Delhi, 27th March 1942, from the Additional Secretary to the Government of India, Defence Department (Army Branch), to the Associated Chambers of Commerce of India.

*CLAIMS AGAINST OFFICERS.

I am directed to address you on the following matter.

2. A number of representations have been received in this Department from individual tradesmen and from the Federation of Trades Associations of India on the subject of the attachment under legal process of the pay of officers of the Army. As you are probably aware, the pay of an officer governed by the British Army Act cannot under section 136(2) of that Act be attached for a debt, unless the debt was incurred before the end of the year 1938 (in which case the provisions of clause (i) to section 60(1) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, are applicable) and the pay and allowances of an officer governed by the Indian Army Act, 1911, cannot be attached at all (*vide* clause (j) of the same proviso). Representations have been made that such exemption at the present time imposes hardship upon tradesmen, particularly in the case of emergency commissioned officers who may have incurred their debts before the grant of their commissions.

It is to be noted that other assets of on officer are not protected against execution of a decree for debt.

3. It is believed that all branches of trade, including retail trade, are effectively represented by the Chambers of Commerce, and it is therefore thought that by addressing you on the subject it may be possible to avoid having to write in detail to a large number of small concerns. It is hoped that you will convey the sense of this letter to all who are likely to be interested.

4. It should be realised that credits obtained by officers, whether before or after they have actually joined the Army, are private transactions, in which the Army authorities cannot possibly interfere, or they would become involved in numerous debt-settlement controversies between officers and their creditors.

5. The exemption given to officers' pay is designed to insure that officers should have their pay always available to maintain themselves and their families and so be able to perform their duties satisfactorily. At the present time this is all the more essential, and it must, therefore, rest with the military authorities only to decide whether an officer's financial affairs have become so involved that his services as an officer should be dispensed with. A situation must be avoided in which by reason of court cases, attachments and other legal

processes, an officer, who is doing useful military work, would be so harassed and distracted as to be rendered unable to carry on efficiently.

6. This is not to say that the Army authorities are regardless of an officer's conduct in his financial affairs. On the contrary, when an officer has been financially extravagant, or unscrupulous, disciplinary action is always taken and the officer may even be removed from the service. But such action concerns the discipline of the Army, and must be taken at the discretion of the Army authorities themselves, and not at the request or instigation of creditors You may, however, rest assured that all Commanding Officers are fully aware of their responsibilities in connection with the indebtedness of officers serving under them.

7. It has been represented that the normal period of limitation for a contract debt should be extended to include the military service of all emergency commissioned officers. Under the existing law the period of limitation may be affected by an officer's service as follows:—

(a) In the case of an officer subject to the British Army Act, section 13 of the Indian Limitation Act, 1908, excludes from the period of limitation prescribed for any suit (which however, does not include an application for execution of a decree), the period during which the officer is absent from territories in India under the administration of the Crown,

(b) In the case of an officer subject to the Indian Army Act, 1911, under section 11 of the Indian Soldiers (Litigation) Act, 1925, the period of service under war conditions generally is excluded in computting the period of limitation for any suit, appeal or application.

8. In all the circumstances, it is the opinion of Government that no change is necessary in the law on the subject.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of the Forty-Fourth Annual General Meeting held at the premises of Messrs Funnells Ltd., South Parade, on Tuesday, 20th April 1943, at 6-30 p.m.

Present.

Capt. J. R. Campbell,	Campbell & Sons (Master).
Mr. Elliot Miller,	Associated Publishers, Higginbothams' Department, Bangalore.
Mr. A. H. Bridle,	Bangalore Pharmacy.
Mr. A. J. Court,	Bunnys' English Restaurants.
Dr. M. N. Mahadevan,	Cash Pharmacy.
Mr. M. V. Krishnaswamy,	City Milk Supply.
Mr. H. E. Roseboom,	Bangalore Daily Post.
Mr. C. R. N. Naidu,	Funnells Ltd., Caterers.
Miss. Kathleen Doyle,	Kathleen Doyle, Dress Makers, Etc., (Hon. Treasurer).
Mr. M. Cooper,	The New Globe Theatre.
Mr. Fred Parr,	Parr & Co., Auctioneers &c.
Mr. D. K. Belgamvala,	Patel & Co., Motor Engineers, Etc.
Mr. J. Issac,	Palai Central Bank Ltd.
Mrs. V. Carleton,	Shearers Ltd., Costumiers, Etc.
Mr. Fred Webb,	Webb's Sales & Service.
Mr. F. C. Paulie,	Whitney Coates & Co. ,Estate Agents.
Mr. T. R. Abraham,	Frank Abraham, Auctioneers, Etc.
Mr. D. N. Hosali,	"Mysindia Weekly."
Mr. H. A. Alderson,	Simpson & Co., Ltd., Motor Engineers, Etc., (Hon. Secretary).

By invitation, Mr. C. W. Stephenson, Secretary, Spencer & Co., Ltd.

Apologies for inability to attend were notified by Messrs. Snaize Bros., Glenand Products, and Mr. S. V. Subramaniam.

Before the business of the meeting was proceeded with, the Master read (1) A letter received from Mr. H. H. Carleston, I.C.S., Ex-Collector of this Station, as follows :—

"Thank you so much for the very kind letter you sent me on behalf of the Bangalore Trades Association. I very much appreciate the generous sentiments expressed in it and also the good wishes. Will you kindly convey my warmest thanks to your members for their kind thought and also for their kind co-operation in the management of affairs in the Station. The Association represents a body of sound and sane opinion which is of great value to the Station and the authorities and I send my very best wishes for its future."

(2) A letter from Mr. D. R. Wilsdon, Honorary Secretary, Bombay Presidency Trades Association Ltd., expressing thanks from himself and Mr. E. W. Fairbrass 'for the hospitality and kindness' extended to them during their recent visit to Bangalore for the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Federation.

1. **Notice.**

Notice convening the meeting was read.

2. **Minutes.**

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 23rd March 1943 and the Committee Meeting held on 15th April 1943 were read and duly confirmed.

3. **Annual Report For 1942—43.**

Mr. H. A. Alderson, Honorary Secretary, read the Report of the Committee for the year 1942—43.

Proposed by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala (Patel & Co.) and seconded by Mr. Fred Parr (Parr & Co.) that the Annual Report of the Committee for the year 1942—43 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

4. **Accounts.**

Miss Kathleen Doyle, Honorary Treasurer, then presented the Audited Accounts for the year 1942—43, which were read in detail by the Office Manager.

Proposed by Dr. M. N. Mahadevan (Cash Pharmacy) and seconded by Mr. F. C. Paulie (Whitney Coates & Co.) that the Audited Accounts for the year 1942—43 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

5. **Bonus to Staff.**

The Master proposed that as a war measure a sum of Rs. 100 be granted to the Office Manager, Mr. B. Seshadri. and Rs. 30 to the Office Orderly, F. C. Jafferin.

Seconded by Dr. M. N. Mahadevan, the proposition was put to the meeting and carried, unanimously.

The Master's Speech.

Addressing the meeting at this stage, Captain J. R. Campbell, in reviewing his year of office as Master, said :

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my proud privilege to address you at this our Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting, to which I offer you a hearty welcome. I take this opportunity of placing before you some of the outstanding problems that confront us in the coming years so that we might all be prepared to meet them.

The succinct report which has been presented to us has shown how varied the activities of the Association have been and how zealously the Association's Executive has tried to safeguard the interest of the members in every sphere affecting them. It is a matter of great satisfaction to me that due to the efforts of the Association several small difficulities and sometimes major disadvantages that hampered the interests of our members were promptly dealt with and all possible remedies secured. The Association has thus attained an important statue in the Station and its opinion is being sought on all matters affecting the general well-being of the people and particularly those affecting the interests of the Trading Community.

The question of basic period for imports, identity discs for civil population, surcharge on income and supertaxes, food price

control, shortage of small coins, telephone matters, beggar problem and last but the most important of all today, the War Effort- -all received the close and watchful attention of the Association. The results of the Association's efforts on these matters are narrated in the report. I might add that the record of work we have turned out is such as to make any Association proud of its efforts. No question small or big affecting in any degree, trade, commerce or industry has been left without due consideration and consequently no interest has been allowed to suffer, as far as it lay in the power of the Association to secure redress.

The world is passing through very critical times. Dark clouds of War threatened us to a greater degree last year than now and thanks to the growing strength of the Allied Powers, things had changed considerably today and the position eased very much. We in South India who were expecting an invasion last year, have been assured that such a contingency is a thing of the past, and that the enemy if they are so foolish as to make such an attempt will get a hot reception at the hands of the Allied forces who have made every necessary preparation.

The Allied forces had scored major victories in all theatres of War and continue to score yet greater victories. The exploits of the Eighth Army, the heroic and stubborn fight put forth by the Russians, will be the brightest pages in the history of this War and will be remembered as the greatest Military achievement of the age. The date nf the final victory has thus been brought within a measureable time and all doubts about the eventual success of the Democracies have now been dispelled.

This success of the Allied Powers is due to the efficiency of our fighting forces, to the unfailing morale of the civil population, and most important of all to the justice of our cause, which has inspired every soldier fighting for the Allies with a missionary zeal and a determination to win. The wholehearted co-operation of the civil population, the traders, the men in industry, the agriculturists had all given, made the task of the fighting forces very

much easier. It is a glorious opportunity that has presented itself to WE Tradesmen to throw our wholeweight and make necessary sacrifices to help the Allied forces to inflict a crushing defeat on a relentless foe who has destroyed world peace. The Allies, who stand for Democracy and world peace, have dealt with the enemy as he deserved and he is beginning to feel the might of the Allied forces.

India has played her part well and nobly in this criticial moment. Its men have responded in a large measure to the call of the Army, the Navy and the Air Forces. The exploits of the Indians in the several theatres of War fill our hearts with pardonable pride because India is doing her best to put down Nazism and Facism which threatened to destroy the civilisation and culture of the world which have been the heritage of several generations of several nations.

I might be pardoned if I reiterate here that our Association has played its part, however humble it might be, in furthering the Country's War Effort. It is gratifying to record that "the member firms of our Association continue to associate themselves with the various War Efforts of this Station, either in the form of donations, gifts, prizes or programme advertising." The Association you all know sent its contribution to the "Light Tank Fund," in response to the Hon'ble the Resident's appeal. I am certain that the Association will continue to be helpful to every kind of War Effort.

Although the tide of War has turned definitely in our favour, although Victory is in sight, yet, Military authorities strike a note of warning, a necessary note indeed! that there is no room for complacency and that no effort should be spared until final Victory is achieved. It is up to everyone of us to assist the authorities in every possible way to accomplish that and to hasten the day of lasting peace.

Trade during these dark days of the War must necessarily suffer several inevitable difficulties. On the one hand, we are

faced with an abnormal demand, side by side with a shortage in supply. But as law-abiding citizens our members, I am happy to state, have all kept themselves well within bounds and not allowed themselves to take undue advantage of the present situation for personal benefits. In spite of all the difficulties, trade in general has had a successful time and our members have shared the legitimate benefits of that success.

Prices of foodstuffs in particular and most commodities in general soared to an alarmingly high level, necessitating the interference of the Government, with the resultant rationing, fixation of maximum prices and restrictions in internal movement of commodities. If I may be permitted to suggest, it would be very much appreciated if we tradesmen. ourselves, impose voluntary price control of the products we deal in, limiting our profits to reasonable levels and fair margins and thus avoiding undue hardships to the consumers. Then we would have played our part as worthy and important members of the community, at this critical hour and we would have won the lasting gratitude of the public. I commend this idea to everyone of the members of the Association.

With the approach of final Victory, the future offers great hope to tradesmen in particular and to the country in general. The War, evil as it undoubtedly has been, has stimulated industry to a high pitch; has increased production to a far higher level than it ever attained before; has afforded innumerable opportunities to teeming millions of our countrymen to train themselves in one or other of modern industries and thus become potent productive agents. War had helped us to build up our own Navy, our own Air force and our own Army to a strength and level of efficiency it would never have been possible to attain in a decade had it not been for the exigency and emergency of the War. Thus the outlook for the future promises to be very optimistic for trade and industry. But these had to be organised well and post-war reconstruction work must be given due consideration even from now and planned well ahead.

I am certain that in the coming years India will play a great part as an integral, independent unit in the Commonwealth and continue to make valuable contributions to world civilisation and culture. To that happy consummation we shall all look forward and do our best to hasten that happy prospect by doing everything possible to bring Victory to the Allied Cause at a very early date.

I have yet one peasant duty to perform. I must thank the members of the Association in general and the members of the Committee in particular, for having given me their wholehearted, unstinted co-operation at all times during my tenure of office as the Master of this Association. Whatever has been accomplished is due to this co-operation. Committee meetings have been well attended and much useful work has been done in the interests of trade in general. But there is still much more to do. I ask brother tradesmen in the Station, who are not members, to join the Association, and existent members of this Association to take yet more lively interest in the affairs of the Association than they have done in the past years, so as to make the Association of greater use not only to itself but to Civil and Military authorities and the public in general.

Before concluding, I must express my thanks to our Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. A. Alderson and to Miss Kathleen Doyle, our Honorary Treasurer, for their support and co-operation. I am grateful, too, to Mr. J. Isaac, our representative on the Municipal Commission for the able tact with which the Association's views have been represented on the Commission. I wish to add my appreciation, also, of the frequent attendance at our Monthly General Meetings, of Mr. Charles W. Stephenson, Secretary of Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd., and the Madras Trades Association. Mr. Stephenson's help and advice have been many times sought, and have been an invariable source of confidence to me. His great part in helping to bring into being the Federation of Trades Associations of India is apparent in the relevant correspondence upon our files. as also is his splendid contact work as Secretary to the Federation during the year just closed. As one of its ardent

advocates I again say how gratified I am to mark the healthy growth of the Federation in its fourth year, and how glad I felt at being present at its Annual General Meeting, held here in Bangalore, ten days ago. We owe our appreciation on that account for the help we have received from Mr. Stephenson.

I must make special mention, too, of Mr. H. E. Roseboom, Editor of the Daily Post who has so greatly helped us through his valuable paper, and for this great help I express our deepest thanks.

I have much pleasure in placing on record my appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Mr. B. Seshadri, our Office Manager, whose willing efforts, hard work and wholehearted co-operation have been responsible in no small measure for the smooth working of the Association and for its efficient functioning.

Our Cycle Orderly, Jafferin, also, is an enthusiastic worker, and my experience proves to me his constant desire to do all he can for the Association.

I wish all members another year of prosperity, patriotic endeavour and public utility.

Office Bearers for 1943—44.

Proposed by Capt. J. R. Campbell and seconded by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala, that Mr. Elliot Miller be elected Master for the year 1943—44.

Proposed by Mr. A. H. Bridle and seconded by Mr. F. C. Paulie that Capt. J. R. Campbell be re-elected as Master.

Capt. Campbell in declining nomination, expressed his desire to see Mr. Elliot Miller again take Mastership of the Association.

In the result Mr. Elliot Miller was declared unanimously elected to be Master for the year 1943—44.

Honorary Secretary	...	Mr. H. A. Alderson was unanimously re-elected.
Honorary Treasurer	...	Miss Kathleen Doyle was unanimously re-elected.

Members of the Working Committee for 1943—44.

Proposed by Capt. Campbell, and unanimously elected :—

Mr. H. E. Roseboom, Mr. M. Cooper, Mr. D. K. Belgamvala and Mr. F. C. Paulie to be Committee Members for 1943—44.

(All Past-Masters are Ex-officio Members of the Committee.)

Representative on the Mysore Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. J. Isaac was unanimously re-elected.

8. **Auditor.**

Mr. A. Ramaswamiengar, B. Com., G. D. A., offered himself for re-election

Proposed by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala and seconded by Mr. J. Isaac that Mr. A. Ramaswamiengar be re-elected Auditor for the year 1943—44 at the same remuneration.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. Elliot Miller expressed his appreciation to Members, for again electing him as the Association's Master and assured them that for the future, as in the past, nothing less than his whole-hearted wish to help the Association's progress, actuated his acceptance of office.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chair, proposed by Mr. Fred Webb, was carried amidst applause, to which Mr. J. Isaac added his appreciation of Capt. Campbell's advice and guidance during the tenure of his Mastership and hoped that the Association will have his continued help in its future deliberations.

Capt. Campbell then thanked Messrs. Funnells for so kindly placing their Dance Hall at the Association's disposal, and announced also the invitation of Mr. M. Cooper, of the "New Globe" to all present who would care to visit the late show at his Theatre.

The meeting was followed by a happy get-together of members and their friends, including ladies, and appreciation must here be emphasised for the excellent buffet-prepared by Messrs. Funnells, and also for the Orchestral Band they had lent for the occasion.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ending 31st March 1943.

EXPENDITURE.	Rs.	A.	P.	INCOME.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Establishment (including Bonus and Commission on debt collection) ..	1292	10	2	By Subscriptions (including Entrance fees)	1600	0	0
,, Office Rent	120	0	0	,, Commission on Debt collection	442	6	10
,, Printing & Stationery (including Annual report) ...	140	3	0	,, Legal fees recovered	40	8	0
,, Postage and Telegrams	74	10	0	,, Contribution to subscription for "Residency orders".	3	12	0
,, Entertainment (Net)	98	15	0	,, Bank Interest	4	9	0
,, Filing fees to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.	6	0	0				
,, Legal fees paid	40	8	0				
,, Dog Show-Donation	10	0	0				
,, Orphanages "Christmas Ship"	10	0	0				
,, War fund - Contribution	55	14	2				
,, Empire & Armistic Day expenses	10	0	0				
,, Audit fee payable	25	0	0				
,, Peon's Uniform	21	10	0				
,, Subscription to 'Residency Orders'	14	14	0				
,, Miscellaneous (Office equipment etc.)	38	9	0				
,, Depreciation on Furniture	10	0	0				
,, Excess of Income over Expenditure (carried to Capital account) ...	122	6	6				
TOTAL Rs...	2091	3	10	Rs...	2091	3	10

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1943.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.					Rs.	A.	P.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS.					Rs.	A.	P.
Capital Account:—								*Furniture Account ;—*							
Balance as on 31-3-42	...	Rs.	578	8 4				(Typewriter, Books and Bicycle)							
Add excess of Income over expenditure for 42-43	...	,,	122	6 6				Balance as per last Balance Sheet...		Rs.	101	0 0			
					700	14	10	Less Depreciation for the year.		,,	10	0 0			
Sundry Creditors:—													91	0	0
Office Establishment for March 43.		,,	90	0 0				Members Subscription and (Recoverable)	...			...	20	0	0
,, Rent due	...	,,	10	0 0											
Audit fees outstanding	...	,,	25	0 0				*Postage due*							
Spencer and Co., Ltd. (Entertainment)			9	5 0				from Travancore National & Quilon Bank Ltd.,							
					134	5	0	(In liquidation) Balance	...	,,	7	9 0			
Debt Collection Account:—								Less recovered	...	,,	4	4 6			
Debts recovered	...	Rs.	1712	12 9									3	4	6
Less paid to members.		,,	1712	12 0				Commission on Debt Collection due (Recoverable)				...	74	8	0
Debts collected paid direct, as per Debt Collection Register.	...	,,	5531	7 9				*Cash and Bank Balance;—*							
								Balance with Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bangalore							
								In Current Account	...	,,	635	4 0			
								Cash on hand	...	,,	11	3 4			
													646	7	4
		TOTAL	Rs...		835	3	10			TOTAL	Rs...		835	3	10

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year ending 31st March 1943 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended that date and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet of the Association is drawn up in conformity, with the law and exhibits a true and correct state of affairs of the Association as on 31st March 1943 and as shown by the Books of the Association. In my opinion the books of account have been kept as required by the law.

BANGALORE,
Dated 7th April 1943.

H. A. ALDERSON,
Hon, Secretary.

KATHLEEN DOYLE,
Hon. Treasurer.

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR,
Registered Accountant.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of the Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Office-Bearers, 1943—44.

Master:
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Immediate Past Master:
CAPT. J. R.CAMPBELL, V.D.

Honorary Treasurer:
MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE.

Honorary Secretary:
MR. H. A. ALDERSON.

Committee:
MR. H. E. ROSEBOOM.
MR. F. C. PAULIE.
MR. D. K. BELGAMVALA.
MR. M. COOPER.

All Past Masters are Ex-officio Committee Members.

Representatives of the Association.

On the Station Municipal Commission:
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.

On the Mysore Chamber of Commerce:
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.

On the A. F. I. Advisory Committee:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL, V.D.

On the Excise Advisory Committee:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL, V.D.

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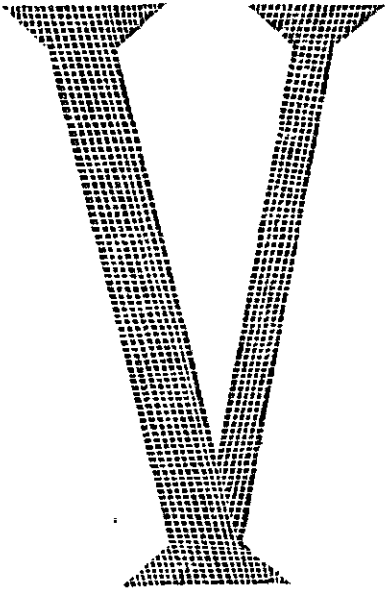

Bangalore Trades Association

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12th June 1944

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MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Honorary Secretary:
MR. H. A. ALDERSON

Honorary Treasurer:
MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE.

The Secretary to the
Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

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Dear Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the Annual Report of this Association for the year 1943-44.

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretary.

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OFFICE NOTE

May be acknowledged with thanks. An acknowledgment card is submitted for signature.

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ANNUAL REPORT

WITH AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FROM

1st APRIL 1943 to 31st MARCH 1944.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of the Federation of Trades Associations of India.

List of Members, 31st March 1944.

1. Messrs. Addison & Co., Ltd, Automobile Sales & Service, St. Mark's Rd, Telephone 50.
2. „ Bangalore Daily Post, Madras Bank Road, Telephone 260-a.
3. „ Bangalore Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, 18, South Parade, Telephone 123.
4. „ Bunny's, High Class English Confectioners and Caterers to Officer's Camp and British Forces, South Parade, and Residency Road.
5. „ Campbell & Sons, General Merchants, Licensed Plumbers, Electrical and Sanitary Engineering Contractors, 12 Magrath Road.
6. „ Cash Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, 2, St. Mark's Road, Telephone 103.
7. „ City Milk Supply, Sydney Road, Telephone 85.
8. „ Frank Abraham, Govt. Auctioneers and Commission Agents, 15-F, St. Mark's Road.
9. „ Funnells Ltd., Confectioners and Caterers, Fully Licensed Restaurateurs, 16, South Parade.
10. „ Glenand Products, Manufacturers of Glenand Dog Biscuits Insecticides etc. & Commission Agents, 2, South Parade.
11. „ Globe Theatre, 6 South Parade, Telephone 143.
12. „ Higginbothams Bangalore, Established Eighteen Forty Four Publishers, Booksellers, Stationers, Printers, Engravers; Victory House, South Parade, Agents for "The Mail" and "The Statesman," Telephone 129.

13. Messrs. Kathleen Doyle, Gowns & Hats, South Parade.

14. „ Lake View Estate Creamery, Suppliers of Fresh Dairy Produce, Distributors of Refrigerated Products, 1, Old Madras Road.

15. „ Lavender's Hotel, Cubbon Road, Telephone 120.

16. „ "Mysindia" (Hosali Power Press), 1/a South Parade.

17. „ New Imperial Talkies, Residency Road, 'Phone' 87.

18. „ Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bankers, Members of Reserve Bank of India, South Parade, 'Phone 167.

19. „ R. Patel & Co., Automobile Engineers, Agents for "Pontiac" and "Vauxhall" Cars, St. Mark's Rd. Telephone 28.

20. „ Shearers Ltd., Direct Importers of Hats, Gowns, Corsets etc., Dress Makers and Milliners, 2, St. Mark's Road.

21. „ Simpson & Co., Ltd., Automobile Engineers Agents and Coach Builders, Gas Plant Makers, South Parade, Telephone 149.

22. „ Snaize Bros., Monumentalists, Brigade Road.

23. „ Spencer & Co., Ltd., Wholesale and Retail Merchant and Importers, General Merchants, South Parade, Telephone 79.

24. „ Sutramdas Ltd., Proprietors of Cinemas, Main Guard Cross Road. Telephone 118, and B. R. V. Theatre, Telephone 147.

25. „ Victory Talkies, Office 6 E. Brigade Rd.

26. „ Webb's Sales & Service, Automobile Engineers, Authorised 'Ford' Dealers, 30, South Parade, Telephone 186.

27. „ *Whitney Coates & Co., Auctioneers, Furnishers, Commission and Estate Agents, 30, Cubbon Rd.*

Bangalore Trades Association

Report of the Committee for the year 1943—44.

The Committee of the Bangalore Trades Association have pleasure in submitting their Report on the working of the Association for the year ending 31st March 1944, together with the year's Audited Accounts.

During the period under report there have been, in addition to the Annual General Meeting, 13 Monthly General Meetings (one adjourned) 4 Special General Meetings and one Committee Meeting.

The strength of the Association at the end of the year was 27. There have been two admissions. two resignations and two applications which failed to pass the ballot.

Association's Congratulations

At the Monthly General Meeting of the Association held in January 1944, the following resolution was unanimously passed :—

> " Resolved, that the members of the Bangalore Trades Association, do hereby congratulate the Hon'ble Lt.-Col. D. de M. S. Fraser, C.S.I., C.I.E., British Resident in Mysore, upon the honour of C.S.I., conferred upon him by His Majesty the King-Emperor."

The following resolution was unanimously passed at the Monthly General Meeting held on 22nd February 1944 :—

> " Resolved, that the members of the Bangalore Trades Association. do hereby express good wishes and congratulation to Pradhanasiromani N. Madhava Rao, B.A., B.L., C.I.E., upon the extension by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, of his wise services as Dewan for a further period of three years."

Donations.

Again during the year the Member-firms of this Association have associated themselves with various forms of war-effort in this Station, and with philanthropic assistance for voluntarily supported institutions, locally, also contributing Rs. 100 to the Mysore Bengal Famine Relief Fund.

To the Daily Post's "Christmas Ship Fund" for our Orphanages, we and our friends contributed Rs. 4,010 at Christmas time.

It is assured by our traditions that members of this Association will assist in every way possible toward speedy and successful termination of the War.

Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Bangalore enjoyed the distinction of being the venue for the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India. The meeting was held at the premises of Messrs Spencer & Co., Ltd., on Saturday 10th April 1943, and Mr. E. W. Fairbrass (Deputy President) presided in the absence of Mr. A. T. Luker (President).

Our Association placed before the meeting, amongst other subjects, the following: 'Scarcity of Small Coins' and 'Road Maintenance'.

The business of the meeting ended in the morning, and in the evening our Association was host to the visiting delegates at Bunny's English Restaurant, Mr. Elliot Miller presiding. Toasts to His Majesty the King and to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, and later to our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, interspersed an enjoyable and successful function.

Mr. Fairbrass' after-dinner speech expressed the hope that next year's functions would be held in New Delhi, and emphasised the hopes he expressed at the Annual Meeting that morning, anent Member-Associations using in greater measure the machinery of the Federation to solve their legal and many trading problems.

Proposing the final toast " Our Guests and Ourselves ". Mr. Elliot Miller said that the Bangalore Trades Association felt honoured and specially gratified that, opposition notwithstanding, Bangalore had been decided upon as to-day's venue for the Annual Meeting of the Federation, affording us all the privilege of welcoming to our citadel other members of the 'Trade Protecting Power' which we in Bangalore, had so strenuously helped to incorporate and build up.

Visit of the Federation's President.

Mr. E. W. Fairbrass, J.P., F.C.S., M.P.S., President, Federation of Trades Associations of India, paid a visit to Bangalore. At a General Meeting held on 9th March 1944, Mr. Fairbrass gave an informative account of the work of the Federation, its achievements, and the good results of many representations and interviews with Central Government Officials, both at Delhi and Bombay.

Delhi Provincial Trades Association.

The growing need for a Trades Association in Delhi has at last been met, thanks to the endeavours of the Federation. The Delhi Provincial Trades Association was inaugurated on Tuesday, February 29, 1944, with Mr. P. Mitchell (Army & Navy Stores, New Delhi) as its first President.

The Bangalore Trades Association wishes the Delhi Provincial Trades Association every success.

Activities of the Federation of Trades Associations of India.

During the year the Federation has carried out a considerable amount of very satisfactory negotiations with the Government of India. The subjects concerned are noted hereunder and full details of what has been done can be obtained by any interested member from the office of our Association:

Import Trade Control.
Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order 1943.
Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance 1943.
Paper Control Order 1942.
Drugs Control Order 1943.

Local Application of various "Control Orders".

The Collector asked our views as to whether the undermentioned Orders should be made applicable to the C. & M. Station:

Cotton Cloth and Yarn (Control) Order 1943.

Ring Travellers Control Order 1943.

Bobbins Control Order 1943.

Starch Control Order 1943 and Oil Seeds (Forward Control Prohibition) Order 1943.

Hydro-Sulphite of Soda Control Order and Zinc Chloride Order.

In all cases we supported the proposals and further stated that any steps considered necessary to prevent inflation would have the support of the Association.

Visit of the Deputy Controller-General of Civil Supplies.

Mr. S. N. Mehta, I.C.S., Deputy Controller General of Civil Supplies, Government of India, whilst visiting Bangalore, met the members of our Association on 22nd February 1944. Various questions were raised relating to the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance. One was the complaint made by so many up-country tradesmen, that wholesalers in Bombay and elsewhere were charging rates which left no margin to country dealers. We explained to Mr. Mehta, that the exorbitant packing charges, high railway rates and octroi fees, made compliance with the Ordinance margins of profit seem impossible to many traders in Bangalore. The Deputy Controller gave his assurance that adjustments and provisions would be considered.

Your Committee will keep meticulous watch on future developments in the working of this complicated Ordinance.

War Risks Insurance

During the year the Federation has made representations urging the Government of India to reduce the rate of premiums on War Risks Insurance of goods. It is satisfactory to record that the Federation's representations have met with success.

The period of existing War Risks (Factories) Insurance Scheme has been extended by another year, from 1st April 1944.

Sale of Bottled Beer to Civilian Catering Firms

The attention of the Association was drawn by catering members to a communication by the Directorate General of Food, Government of India, regarding the sale of bottled beer to civilians. It was the unanimously expressed view of members that the matter should be taken up with the Government of India on the following lines: (a) that the Military Authorities should control their own breakages (b) that the bottled beer trade of civilian catering businesses must automatically cease within a very short time if the 20% excess on bottle returns is enforced, and (c) that the virtual creation of, and practically subsidising, a black market in bottles is opposed to civilian interests and business morale.

Our representation was also followed up by the Federation.

The Government of India, in reply, stated that their negotiations with the Beer Manufacturers in Bangalore had been suspended and that our representation would be considered if and when negotiations are re-opened.

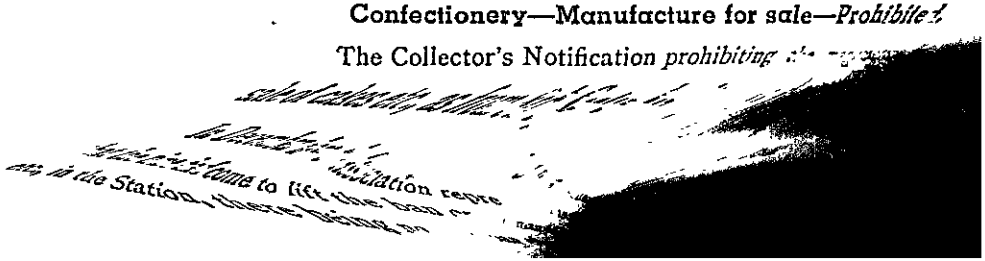
Sale or Disposal of Motor Vehicles

The Association's attention was drawn to an Order issued by the Collector under Rule 8a (2) of the Defence of India Rules relating to the Sale or Disposal of Motor Vehicles fitted with a new or retreaded tyre or tyres.

The Order was considered by a Sub-Committee of car-dealer members of this Association, and the Collector was subsequently informed that this Association is in favour of the Order provided each proposed sale was judged upon its merits.

Confectionery—Manufacture for sale—*Prohibited*

The Collector's Notification *prohibiting*



The Collector regretted that shortage of supplies prevented the raising of the ban.

The ban in the Station had fallen heavily on bakers, confectioners and caterers. They had been deprived of a business, obliged to put out of employment their special staff and stand by to see a profitable business pass into the hands of others situated outside Station limits.

The matter is being examined by the Food Advisory Committee and it is hoped that the ban will be removed shortly; we are ably represented by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala.

Proposed ban on the manufacture of Cream.

In August 1943, there was a proposal to ban the manufacture of cream with a view to improving the quality of milk supplied to the public. Whilst agreeing that the sale of cream, as a luxury, might be stopped, we felt that a ban on its manufacture altogether, would effect the butter business, and we pointed out that not more than a hundred pounds of cream was actually made locally, of which one-third only was sold as such.

Our Association assured its Creamery Members that they could count upon fullest support from us in case of need, and these members (together with other dairymen of the Station) met the Collector in deputation and discussed with him the difficulties which a ban on cream manufacture would create. We are glad to record that the Collector, agreeing with the points raised by the dairymen, decided not to prohibit manufacture of cream in the C. & M. Station.

When, later, this question was discussed by the Food Advisory Committee, on 29th March 1944, that Committee came to the conclusion that milk consumed in milk bars, or in the preparation of cream, ice-cream and kova was so small, and fluctuating, that no useful purpose could be served by interference with any of these trades.

Tom Tom by Auctioneers

Orders having been served on an Auctioneering member firm to cease beating of 'tom tom' it was represented to the authorities concerned that advertisement by distribution of hand bills in different localities and by beat of tom toms and putting of auction boards are generally the means employed for the successful conduct of this business. Even dissemination of information, and promulgation of orders are done by means of tom toms.

It is pleasing to record that the authorities concerned agreed to the proposition we had made.

Postal Matters

Earlier Clearance —In May 1943, the Postmaster, Bangalore, proposed that, because of earlier train departures which left the Post Offices insufficient time to get bags on to the train, letter boxes would need to be cleared 20 minutes earlier and the Registration counters for letters and parcels, shut down one hour earlier.

The Association expressed itself agreeable to lending the Post Office every assistance, and hoped that the proposed change would result in the more efficient working of the service.

At the same time, the Association requested that some special effort be made to bring about an earlier delivery of letters each morning to all parts of the Station. It was pointed out that frequently deliveries were not made until after 11 O'clock in the morning —even sometimes not until afternoon. These late deliveries greatly inconvenienced business houses. It was suggested that perhaps Sub-Post Offices could be used to sort letters and so ensure their earlier delivery. Also, we suggested that the main Post Office be extended or enlarged so as to relieve sorting congestion and accommodate additional staff.

The Post Master in reply stated that while assuring the Association that every endeavour is being made to give the public a timely delivery service, a further examination of this question proved that the opening of fresh delivery offices in the C. & M. Station would not be helpful.

As regards additional staff, the Post Master states that the matter is being examined and dealt with in accordance with departmental statistical standards and that our views had been put before the Postmaster General.

Delays in Sub-Post Offices :— Again, this year, attention has been drawn to serious delays experienced by members at the Sub-Post Offices in regard to the receiving of parcels etc. The Association has been assured that suitable action is being taken in the matter.

Registration of Post Parcels :—In December last, representation was made to the Postmaster-General, Madras, in regard to the restriction of weight limit imposed on the booking of heavy inland parcels. We were informed that the restriction of weight limit was imposed on heavy inland parcels, as it had been found difficult to arrange for their transmission owing to very limited transport facilities. The Postmaster-General, therefore, regretted that restriction could not be relaxed.

Electrical Matters.

The Government of Mysore's demand for two months minimum deposit based on six months average consumption of electricity was discussed at one of our meetings. On referring the matter to the Superintendent, Bangalore Power and Lighting, the Association was informed that the deposits were usually collected on the minimum consumption arrived at on the rating of the installation at first instance. As the deposit amount was found inadequate, extra deposit was called for, basing demand on the average consumption for the past six months. We were also informed that extra deposit, based as above, was also collected to avoid loss to the Department, by way of consumers using more power and vacating the premises without any intimation to the Department.

The Association decided not to press the matter further at present.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

Addition to Bye-Law No. 2 Chapter III—Buildings.

In order to provide for the levy of a license fee for the erection or re-erection of buildings in the C. & M. Station, the President, Municipal Commission. called for objections or suggestions in regard to a Proposed addition to Bye-Law No. 2 Chapter III—Buildings.

This was considered at a meeting held in November 1943. Our Association had supported the proposed addition as a distinctly temporary measure, as was communicated to the President, Municipal Commission in December 1942, when the same proposition was brought forward for discussion.

The amendment has been confirmed by the Hon'ble the Resident and took effect from 1st February 1944.

Amendment to Schedule A—Fares of Conveyances.

To a notice by the President, Municipal Commission, calling for objections or suggestions in regard to proposed rates of hire of rickshaws in the Station, the Association suggested a minimum charge of annas four with two annas for every fifteen minutes as being a fairer and more reasonable a basis of hire than the lower fares proposed.

The rates as suggested by this Association, were approved at a meeting of the Municipal Commission held on 25th November 1943 and have since been confirmed by the Hon'ble the Resident.

Amendment to Bye-Laws—Rule 28 Bye-Law No. 14 Chapter III—Closing down and locking of premises used as eating houses

To provide for the closing down and locking of premises used as eating houses, tea shops etc., and for seizing articles in cases where licenses are refused or suspended or cancelled, the President Municipal Commission called for objections or suggestions to Rule 28 of Bye-Law No. 14 Chapter III.

This was considered at a meeting of the Association held in November 1943. In the opinion of this Association, only the President, in consultation with the Health Committee, should be empowered to cancel or suspend any license, and that only the President shall be empowered to order the closing of eating houses, tea shops etc, or to dispose of stocks. The manner of handling such matters, as suggested, is, in the opinion of the Association opposed to the sense and principles of democracy.

The amendments, as proposed by the President, had however, been confirmed by the Resident and brought into force from 1st March 1944.

Renaming of Streets and Towns

Certain proposals to rename the streets and 'towns' were moved before the Municipal Commission. This Association felt that renaming of roads or 'towns' should at first be published for suggestions or objections and that existing names of streets or 'towns' should not at all be changed. We felt that if permitted once it would be inviting suggestions for changing names of streets or 'towns' to other names of unknown people in the years to come.

The Association feels that the Municipal Commission should not entertain any proposals to change the existing names as evidently the names already existing must have been called after someone whose name the Municipal Commission at that time considered worthy of perpetuation.

Representative on the Municipal Commission.

As the term of our representative expired on 30th November 1943, an election was held on 26th October 1943, the date approved by the Hon'ble the Resident. Mr. J. Isaac, B.A., B.L., (Manager, Palai Central Bank, Ltd.) was unanimously re-elected, and will serve on the Commission for another year i.e. until 30th November 1944, the fourth successive year of his holding this office.

Your Committee takes this opportunity to record the appreciation of every member in regard to the unfailing services rendered by Mr. Isaac as their representative on the Municipal Commission.

"Never had the duties been better fulfilled" is the opinion expressed by this year's Master of our Association.

Dog Show 1943

In response to an appeal received from the Secretary, The Mysore Kennel Club, a cash donation to the Eleventh Championship Dog Show was sent, as the proceeds were devoted to the War Fund. The Show was held on 20th June 1943, at the Hollywood City War Fete Grounds, South Parade Maidan.

Armistice Day—"Lest We Forget"

A number of beautiful wreaths were placed at the base, or on the plinth, of the Cenotaph raised in memory of those who had given their lives in the last war. This Associatlon's tribute, placed as usual by the Master, was "V" shaped, set in poppies, bearing the inscription :—

Their lives—for Victory they gave,
Their souls march on with comrades brave!
O Death!—Where is thy sting!

Empire Day

In accord with tradition, the Association's Tribute to Empire, a Floral Imperial Crown, was placed by the Master at the base of the Queen Victoria Statue on 24th May 1943.

Obituary

Against our hopes that there might be 'no sadness of farewell' within this year, we have to record the removal by death from our ranks, of Mr. James Riddoch Thomson (late with Messrs. Wrenn Bennett & Co., Ltd.) and of Mr. Frederick Parr (Parr & Co.,) which occurred in Bangalore on 7th and 21st November 1943, respectively.

The late Mr. J. R. Thomson who had served on the Committee of this Association for many years had always taken keen interest in our affairs and was elected Master for the year 1926—27.

The late Mr. Frederick Parr served on our Committee in 1941—42, and in his always unassuming way did much to promote this Association's progress.

Debt Collection.

The Debt Collecting Department of our Association continues to expand, and this year shows an even more satisfactory state of affairs than has come to be expected of it. The Association is grateful to Sister Associations for unfailing co-operation in this connection, a co-operation which we of course reciprocate.

Confidential

A great volume of confidential information has passed through the office to the general good of the trading public, and we would wish the Federation and all such helpers, to know that their confidence is duly respected.

OUR THANKS

The Committee takes this opportunity of extending appreciative thanks to:—

The Principal Information Officer, Government of India, for "Indian Information" received from time to time.

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for Weekly Market Reports.

The Editors, "American Exporter" and "London Chamber of Commerce"

Messrs. Paterson & Co., Madras for Market Reports.

The Editor, Daily Post, for publishing proceedings of meetings etc.

Messrs Spencer & Co., Ltd, for free use of the room in which our meetings are usually held.

In conclusion, we wish to place on record an appreciation of the help and courtesy invariably extended to our Association by the various Heads of Departments in Bangalore and elsewhere who have attended to our representations. We wish to thank all members, too, for their support and attendance at meetings. Heartily, also, we extend our grateful thanks to Sister Associations and the Federation of Trades Associations of India, for help and co-operation without stint.

BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd May 1944, at 6-30 p. m. at Messrs. Funnells Ltd.

Present.

Mr. Elliot Miller,	Associated Publishers, Higginbothams' Dept (Master)
Mrs. V. Carleton	Shearers Ltd,
Mr. D. K. Belgamvala,	Patel & Co.,
Mr. T. S Venkatram,	Addison & Co., Ltd,
Mr. T. R. Abraham,	Frank Abraham,
Mr. J. R. Snaize,	Snaize Bros,
Mr. S. V. Subramaniam,	Victory Talkies,
Mr. M. Cooper,	The New Globe,
Mr. F. C. Paulie,	Whitney Coates & Co,
Mr. C. R. N. Naidu,	Funnells Ltd,
Mr. H. E. Roseboom	Daily Post,
Mr. A. H. Bridle,	Bangalore Pharmacy,
M. D. N. Hosali,	Mysindia,
Dr. M. N. Mahadevan,	Cash Pharmacy,
Mr. J. Isaac,	Palai Central Bank Ltd,
Mr. H. A. Alderson,	Simpson & Co., Ltd, (Honorary Secretary)

Apologies for inability to attend were received from:— Capt. J. R. Campbell and Miss. Kathleen Doyle (Honorary Treasurer.)

1. **Notice.** — Notice convening the meeting having been circulated to all members was taken as read.

2. **Minutes.** — Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting and the Committee Meeting held on 25th April 1944, were read and confirmed.

3. **Annual Report for 1943—44.** — Mr. J. Isaac, at the request of the Master, read to the Meeting the Report of the Committee for the year 1943—44, our Honorary Secretary, though present, suffering from hoarseness through a cold.

Proposed by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala and seconded by Dr. M. N. Mahadevan that the Annual Report of the Committee for the year 1943—44 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

4. **Accounts.** — Mr. Isaac then read the report submitted by Miss Kathleen Doyle (Honorary Treasurer) who was unable to attend the meeting, through indisposition.

The Honorary Treasurer's Report: "In Proposing the Audited Accounts for adoption, again, this year, I much regret that they do not show any improvement.

These are details of figures for the year which ended on 31st March 1944 :—

The total Revenue for the year under review is Rs. 2654-4-8, expenditure Rs. 2887-13-11 which shows as excess of expenditure over income a sum of Rs. 233-9-3.

On the credit side, membership subscriptions are Rs. 1670/- plus Rs. 307/- collected to meet the Federation membership and other Federation expenses. Income derived from Debt Collection is Rs. 364-9-0.

On the debit side, the membership fee of the Federation of Trades Association is Rs. 200/- which is a two year's subscription, from 1st January 1943 to 31st December 1944. Rs. 120/- has been paid as Office rent. There is an increase in cost of printing and stationery due to high prices and Rs. 100/- was a special contribution to the Bengal Famine Relief Fund which is not a recurring expenditure. The cost of entertaining the delegates of the Federation of Trades Associations of India was Rs. 228-5-0 but this sum was recovered from the members. The expenditure under the heading of "Entertainment" is Rs. 170-2-0. This includes last year's Annual Meeting and social. I should like to suggest that, whilst the war is on and things are as abnormal as they are, 'entertainment' should be cut down to a minimum if not actually cut out altogether. This would leave us a bigger margin for charities and for any special demand that may be made on us

for subscriptions or help It isn't much use suggesting that a percentage of our income or any set sum be allocated to 'charity' until we can show a really balanced budget. But I think this is a goal that should be attained eventually.

There has been the usual depreciation on office furniture etc., taken at 10%.

The balance to our credit on 1st April 1944. is Rs. 532-5-10

A larger membership and a full use of our Debt Collecting Department are two ways in which the Revenues of the Association can be increased. I need hardly add that sufficient funds are necessary for the efficient working of the Association. I hope that our financial position will improve during the coming year and will show, however slight, an excess of income over expenditure."

The Audited Accounts for the year 1943—44, were then presented by the Office Manager.

Proposed by Mr. Elliot Miller, the Master, and seconded by Mr. Isaac that the Audited Accounts for the year 1943-44 be adopted.

Carried unanimously.

5. **The Master's Speech.** — Mr. Elliot Miller, the retiring Master, then delivered his address:—

Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of the Bangalore Trades Association,

In a few minutes' time I hand over the "Mastership" of this august body, and become again the *Captain of my Soul.* And these remaining minutes you make precious to me. They hold the privilege of welcoming you at our 45th Annual General Meeting, of smiling with you over existent trade and trade conditions — and of peering with you into a promising future. Incidentally, my 7th year in Bangalore ends today, and sincerely, most sincerely, I can say that in every day of these seven years I have found some joy in accomplishing one little task or another to help this Association.

We trading people, like most others who 'bivouac' here in Bangalore, have reason to be thankful in 'smiling through.' Shut away as we are from horrors of which we only hear or read, we live a sheltered life, in which upsets, if any, are negligible. True, we have just learnt — or rather, have been reminded — by the Report of our Committee, that the smooth carrying on of business is made somewhat difficult by well-intentioned arbiters of method and control, remotely situated in New Delhi; but we *do* carry on! Wheresoever their good intentions might land some of us, my advice is to appreciate their purpose, and to co-operate with and help the Government in every way possible. Actual trade in this Station fluctuates as it always has done, and it is much as the cheery young curate said of his egg: 'remarkably good, *in parts*!' That curate's egg contained our compensating simile, for if we 're 'down' on the swings, we are 'up' on the galloping horses, perhaps, and so on round our war-time '*fair*.' For trade is now, for each of us, an individual and definite War Effort, the part of our lives we each contribute to 'winning' *this most bloody war*, and surely there is in that glad fact, a consolation sufficient to off-set all our trivial set-backs and irritations.

But let us to-night keep away from war, make this our 'evening off.' Let us give our working Committee a thought instead. Their Report earns a 'pat on the back' for them. Take it as given, shall we? Nothing affecting us locally have they let slip. A painstaking human document pulsating with service and zeal.

Visits from and meetings with Government's Civil Supply representatives, tell us that this little *protectorate-offshoot* of Empire is neither forgotten nor side-tracked with impunity — at least not in matters to do with the Station's Trade. This, in great measure, is something we must thank our Federation for. Let us most heartily do so. We helped conceive and nurture that body, remember, and as almost a vertebra portion of its being, we sip in some of the praise we ladle out, a matter of mutual nourishment in fact.

So active is our 'vertebra' membership, that whatever the Federation achieves is always to our benefit. I hope to see them centre their offices in New Delhi, to bring Bangalore into constant Government ken, but I would ask even more of them. I expect them to lift up the voice of the Federation in Government precincts and places, so clamorously and persistently, that direct representation in the Central Assembly is conceded to Trade. Then, too, would come Bangalore's reward for helping at the Federation's birth. The Bangalore Trades Association would put through its Delhi calls "express" and direct to Government.

I have said all I intend to say about trade as I see it today and have added a thought or two of mine about Trade organisation. You have been kind to bear with me so far.

Let us now take that peep together into the promising *future*, and let it be understood that we concern ourselves only *with the* great country in which we trade and live, the India *we* awakening everywhere round us. "India is hoisting hig[h] of Education. Keep your eye on that flag. *Watch it*

With all her teeming millions to [th]
the sons of India to achievement!

I do not now give ear to hard-boiled tales of bitterness arising from Caste and Religion such as were told to me ten years ago when I first came out to India. I do not still find myself able to believe that the sons of India cannot be *brethren*, even amongst themselves. Certain I am that I have not amongst my Indian friends any who are unfitted, be they Parsee, Hindu, Muslim or Jain, to join in with each other and with all the civilised nations in the *fraternal world* which their own sons and ours are re-creating today.

I have not digressed from trade topics one iota in these remarks. The welfare of a people is essential to good trading, and I see ahead of India a better standard of living inducive to all the blessings which follow in welfare's wake. Statistics of health and wealth and trade will all improve, and I believe that these three blessings are almost in the offing for this Station, for in referring to '*any live part of India*' I certainly thought first of Bangalore. I advise you all to get ready for bigger and better business than you have been used to. Bangalore values will be going up, and *soon*.

As also in the case of Cochin and Madras, some of the one hundred and eleven post-war airfields, just decided upon, are to be allotted to Bangalore. The scheme in its entirety is to cost the Government of India 15½ crores of rupees! I mention these facts merely to demonstrate that Bangalore C. & M. Station will never again depreciate in values, as was the case, for a while, after the last war. Bangalore values will this time go up-and-up—and up!— in my opinion.

My advice to members of this Association is, never to look back; go forward all the time, and look only the way you want to go. Keep to the straight road, and get all the traders in this Station to trek that same road with you. Aim to be truly and unitedly the representatives of this Station's growing trade and trading interests. If the road becomes jungle-like, unison of will and purpose can cut a way through.

I sincerely thank the members of our Committee for their contribution to the success of the year now past, as also I thank our Honorary Treasurer, Miss Kathleen Doyle, and our Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. A. Alderson. They and I have done our best to make the year one of accomplishment. With us, and wholeheartedly so, in this endeavour, have been Mr. Charles W. Stephenson (Madras Trades Association) who, fortunately, sojourned here for a while, and Mr. J. Isaac (B.T.A. Municipal Commissioner). I add my personal thanks to the appreciation elsewhere expressed: "Tis not in mortals to command success"—and, however great their disappointment may have been, the efforts of these two gentlemen deserve marked appreciation. An additional appreciation, deep and sincere, is due to Mr. Isaac from us all. As our thrice elected representative upon the Municipal Commission, he has been outstandingly helpful to us.

And, now that others have, I hope, been dutifully mentioned, I must with anxious regret speak warningly to our Office Manager, and that in the hearing of everyone! Here is the case. I have written it for Mr. Seshadri himself to type:

Dear Mr. Seshadri.

I have kept a close eye on you for exactly seven years. You have in that time so speeded up and added to the duties of your Office that I feel it a duty to admonish you.

You take too much of the burden from our shoulders. You work too hard. Yours is the type of zeal and service too apt to pass unnoticed, and, near as I have been to you, year in and year out, it is only my recent notice of a few gray hairs—or are they white hairs?—that have made me stop and think.

You are in your seventeenth year of faithful service to this Association. I am going to propose that you be voted a full month's holiday and that two months extra salary be paid to you to ensure the recuperation which your holiday should induce.

What I have to say about the Association's Debt Collection Department, I say distinctly and directly to you. To have handled

last year about 1000 cases, approximating Rs. 10,000/- and to have collected, up-to-date, nearly Rs. 8,000/- from these, is an achievement deserving praise. On behalf of the Bangalore Trades Association, I bestow that praise. We thank you for this really excellent job of work, and we thank you, too, for shouldering so well, those several burdens of one and another of us, already mentioned. I will not enlarge upon this latter subject, because others beside myself may feel concerned.

Again, thank you, Mr. Seshadri,

Yours sincerely

Elliot Miller,

For the Bangalore Trades Association.

Before resuming my seat I want to read to you a few words from the published remarks of two prominent men in India today, leaders of worthwhile thought.

The Editor of the "Mail" writes:—

> "……We must prepare for trying days—they may be now upon us—for anxious times, and difficult moments. Our leaders have counselled us to be patient, determined, unwearying in our efforts to support the Allied forces in the field. They deserve our support and the encouragement of our confidence, whether they fight in Russia, in Western Europe, in Italy, in the Balkans, in the Pacific, in Burma, Assam, or in China. We serve them ill if we become impatient, fractious, or, worst of all, complacent."

Mr. C. Rajagopalchariar says:—

> "Persons at the top should be changed every year, for an organisation to have long life should be independent of any individual."

I have said all I have to say on general matters. I wish this Association and each member of it good prospects and good trading in what I hope will be another year of sound accomplishment. You are about to choose your leaders. Choose wisely and well. I

say to you as I have just said to another semi-public body in this flourishing district: BANGALORE — EXCELSIOR!

Before closing his address, the Master thanked Mr. D. K. Belgamvala for his services to the Association throughout the past year and especially for acting as our delegate to the Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India held this year at Delhi. He invited Mr. Belgamvala, as one of the earliest members of our Association, to accept nomination for election as Master for the ensuing year.

6. **The following Office-bearers for the year 1944—45,** were unanimously elected:

Master	...	... Capt. J. R. Campbell.
Honorary Secretary		... Mr. T. R. Abraham.
Honorary Treasurer		... Miss. Kathleen Doyle (re-elected)

Members of the Working Committee. — The following were unanimously elected:

Mr. D. K. Belgamvala.

Mr. M. Cooper.

Mr. J. Isaac.

Mr. S. V. Subramaniam.

Representative on the Mysore Chamber of Commerce. — Mr. J. Isaac was re-elected unanimously.

7. **Bonus to Staff.** — Proposed by Mr. Elliot Miller and seconded by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala, that a bonus of two months salary be granted to the Office Manager, Mr. B. Seshadri, and Rs. 15/- to the temporary Office Orderly.

Carried unanimously.

8. **Auditor.** — Mr. A. Ramaswamiengar, B. Com., G.D.A., R.A., offered himself for re-election.

Proposed by Dr. M. N. Mahadevan and seconded by Mr. J. Isaac that Mr. A. Ramaswamiengar be re-elected Auditor for the year 1944—45 at a remuneration of Rs. 30/-.

Carried unanimously.

9. **Vote of Thanks.** — Mr. J. Isaac proposed the vote of thanks to retiring Office-bearers and in doing so spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done for this Association by Mr. Elliot Miller.

The meeting ended, members with their wives and numerous friends foregathered in a happy 'get-together' which did not break up until 10 p.m. All present expressed special appreciation of the excellent buffet prepared for them by Messrs. Funnells Ltd.

H. A. ALDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

ELLIOT MILLER,
Master and Chairman of the meeting of 2nd May 1944.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st March 1944.

EXPENDITURE.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Establishment (including Dearness Allowance, Bonus and Commission on debt collection) ...	1498	4	8
,, Office Rent	120	0	0
,, Printing & Stationery (including Annual Report) ..	238	9	0
,, Postage and Telegrams	100	15	3
,, Entertainment (Net)	170	2	0
,, Dinner to F. T. A. Delegates	228	5	0
,, Membership fee to Federation of Trades Association (1943 & 1944) ...	200	0	0
,, Christmas Orphanages-ship Contribution ...	10	0	0
,, Dog Show Donation	10	0	0
,, Donation to Bengal Famine Relief Fund ...	100	0	0
,, Obituary, Empire & Armistice Day Expenses ..	29	0	0
,, Audit fee payable	25	0	0
,, Legal fees paid	78	0	0
,, Filing fees to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.	9	0	0
,, Miscellaneous Expenses	55	10	0
,, Arrears of Subscription Written off	5	0	0
,, Depreciation on Furniture	10	0	0
TOTAL Rs...	2887	13	11

INCOME.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	1670	0	0
,, Commission on Debt Collection	364	9	0
,, Subscription on account of F. T. A.	307	0	0
,, Subscription to F. T. A. Dinner	228	14	0
,, Legal fees recovered	78	0	0
,, Bank Interest	5	13	8
,, Excess of Expenditure over Income (carried to Capital account) ...	233	9	3
TOTAL Rs .	2887	13	11

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION.

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1944.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.					Rs.	A.	P.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS.					Rs.	A.	P.
Capital Account:—								*Furniture Account:—*							
Balance as on 31-3-43	...	Rs.	700	14 10				(Typewriter, Books and Bicycle)							
Less excess of expenditure over Income for 43-44	...	,,	233	9 3				Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	Rs.	91	0 0			
					467	5	7	Less Depreciation for the year	...	,,	10	0 0			
													81	0	0
Sundry Creditors:—															
Office Establishment for March 44.		,,	105	0 0				Commission on Debt Collection due (Recoverable)				...	39	3	0
Rent due	...	,,	10	0 0											
Audit fee Outstanding	...	,,	25	0 0				*Postage due:* -							
Spencer & Co., Ltd., (Entertainment)			28	3 3				from Travancore National & Quilon Bank Ltd., (in Liquidation) Balance	...	,,	3	4 6			
Higginbothams (Printing & Stationery)			11	12 0				Less recovered	...	,,	0	8 6			
					179	15	3						2	12	0
Subscripton received in advance					8	0	0	*Cash and Bank Balance:—*							
								Balance with Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bangalore							
Debt Collection Account;—								In current account	...	,,	505	11 8			
Debts recovered	...	,,	2816	14 0				Cash on hand	...	,,	26	10 2			
Less paid to Members	...	,,	2816	14 0									532	5	10
Debts Collected paid direct as per Debt Collection Register	...	,,	4875	4 11											
Christmas Orphanages-Ship															
Subscription collected	...	,,	3910	0 0											
Less paid	...	,,	3910	0 0											
		TOTAL Rs...			655	4	10			TOTAL Rs...			655	4	10

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Bangalore Trades Association as at 31st March 1944 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended that date and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet of the Association is drawn up in conformity, with the law and exhibits a true and correct state of affairs of the Association as on 31st March 1944 and as shown by the Books of the Association. In my opinion the books of account have been kept as required by the law.

BANGALORE,
Dated 13th April 1944.

H. A. ALDERSON,
Hon. Secretary.

KATHLEEN DOYLE,
Hon. Treasurer.

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR,
Registered Accountant.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of the Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Office Bearers, 1944 — 45.

Master:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL, V.D.

Immediate Past Master:
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Honorary Treasurer:
MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE.

Honorary Secretary:
MR. T. R. ABRAHAM.

Committee:
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.
MR. S. V. SUBRAMANIAM.
MR. D. K. BELGAMVALA.
MR. M. COOPER.

All Past Masters are Ex-officio Committee Members.

Representatives of the Association.

On the Station Municipal Commission:
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.

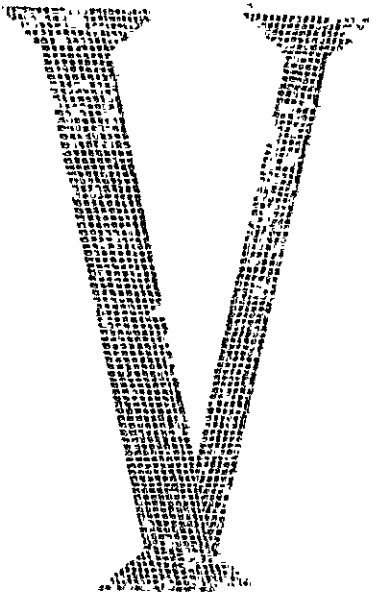
On the Mysore Chamber of Commerce:
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.

On the A. F. I. Advisory Committee:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL, V.D.

On the Excise Advisory Committee:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL, V.D.

On the Ex-Service Association:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL, V.D.

On the Central Food Advisory Committee:
MR. D. K. BELGAMVALA.



The Bangalore Trades Association

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

FOUNDED 1899

REGISTERED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1882

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

WITH AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FROM

1st APRIL 1940 to 31st MARCH, 1941.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

PAST MASTERS.

Year	*Names.*
1899	Mr. O. J. Bird.
1900—1	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1901—2	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1902—3	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1904	Mr. I. Bronson.
1905	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1906	Mr. J. B. Forster.
1907	Mr. W. Davis.
1908	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1909	Mr. W. Davis.
1910	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1911—12	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1912	Mr. S. H. Elliot.
1913	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1914	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1915	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1916	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1917	Mr. J. R. Campbell.
1918—19	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1919—20	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1920—21	Mr. R. Laver.
1921—22	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1922—23	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1923—24	Mr. W. Wailling.
1924—25	Mr. R. Laver.
1925—26	Mr. R. Laver.
1926—27	Mr. J. R. Thompson.
1927—28	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1928—29	Mr. G. Alex. Lavender.
1929—30	Mr. Geo. L Harvey.
1930—31	Mr. Geo. L. Harvey.
1931—32	Mr. A. H. Bridle.
1932—33	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1933—34	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1934—35	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1935—36	Mr. F. Weaver. Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1936—37	Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1937—38	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1938—39	Mr. Elliot Miller.
1939—40	Mr. J. M. Charles. Mr. Fred Webb.
1940—41	Mr. Fred Webb.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

List of Members, March 31st, 1941.

1. Messrs. Bangalore Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, South Parade.
2. „ Barton, Son & Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Jewellers and Silversmiths, Diamond Merchants, Art Metal Workers, Masonic Outfitters, Watch and Clock Makers, etc., South Parade.
3. „ Bunny's, High Class English Confectioners and Caterers to Officer's Camps and British Forces, South Parade.
4. „ Cash Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, St. Mark's Road.
5. „ Campbell & Sons, General Merchants, Licensed Plumbers, Electrical and Sanitary Engineering Contractors, Avenue Road,
6. „ Central Hotel, Lavelle Road.
7. „ Daily Post, News Paper (Daily), Madras Bank Road.
8. „ Funnells Ltd., Confectioners and Caterers, Fully Licensed Restaurateurs, 16, South Parade.
9. „ Glenand Products, Glenand Dog Biscuit Manufacturers, etc., South Parade.
10. „ Globe Theatres Ltd.—The New Globe, Picture House, South Parade.
11. „ Higginbothams, Booksellers, Stationers, Printers and Engravers; Agents for "The Mail," Madras and "The Statesman," Calcutta, South Parade.

(Continued)

12. Messrs. Kathleen Doyle, Gowns & Hats, South Parade.

13. „ Lavender's Hotel, 4 & 5, Cubbon Road.

14. „ Lake View Estate Creamery, Suppliers of Fresh Dairy Produce and Importers and Distributors of Refriggrated Products, 1, Old Madras Road.

15. „ Murch, W. H., B.Sc., Qualified Refractionist and Opthalmic Optician, Brigade Road.

16. „ New Imperial Talkies, Picture House, Residency Road.

17. „ R. Patel & Co., Automobile Engineers, Agents for "Pontiac" and "Vauxhall" Cars, St. Mark's Road.

18. „ Parr & Co., Auctioneers, Commission, House and Estate Agents, Agents The Norwich Mutual Life Office, St. Mark's Road.

19. „ Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bankers, Members of Reserve Bank of India, South Parade.

20. „ Shearers Ltd., Direct Importers of Hats, Gowns, Corsets etc., Dress Makers and Milliners, 2, St. Mark's Road.

21. „ Spencer & Co., Ltd., Wholesale and Retail Merchants and Importers, General Merchants, South Parade.

22. „ Simpson & Co., Ltd., Automobile Engineers, Agents and Coach Builders, South Parade.

23. „ Sutramdas Ltd., Proprietors of Cinemas, Main Guard Cross Road.

24. „ Webb's Sales & Service, Automobile Engineers, Authorised 'Ford' Dealers, South Parade.

Report of the Committee

OF THE

Bangalore Trades Association

for the year 1940—41.

The Committee takes pleasure in presenting this Report for the year ending 31st March 1941, with the Audited Accounts for the same period.

During the year, 1 Special General Meeting, 11 Monthly General Meetings and 7 Committee Meetings were held in addition to the Annual General Meeting. All meetings were well attended.

The strength of the Association at the end of the year was 24 as against 18 at the commencement, recording an increase of six. Two applications failed in the ballot.

His Late Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

The Committee greatly regrets to record the death on 3rd August 1940, in Bangalore, of His Highness Sir Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.B.E., late Maharaja of Mysore Out of respect to the memory of His Highness all members closed their establishments on Monday, 5th August 1940, flying flags at half mast. A telegram of condolence was sent to His late Highness's Private Secretary.

The Members of this Association closed their establishments on Thursday, 15th August 1940, the day set aside for the final obsequies.

this Association have very willingly responded to such appeals by individual contributions, and the staffs and employees of several member firms have co-operated in this direction.

The Association also contributed to the activities of the Bangalore Civil and Military Station Provincial War Committee, a subsidiary of the Civil and Military Station War Fund Association.

War Risks Insurance of Commodities.

The Government of India having decided in August to introduce a scheme of compulsory War Risk Insurance of goods on land or inland waterways in India, the Federation of Trades Associations of India asked for the views of our Association.

After careful consideration this Association was in favour of the proposed scheme, as the protection it affords is regarded as both necessary and desirable.

The Government of India issued an Ordinance on 26th August 1940, "The War Risks (Goods) Insurance Ordinance" providing, inter alia, "for the creation of a fund to be called the "War Risks (Goods) Insurance Fund," into which shall be paid all sums received by the Central Government by way of insurance premiums and out of which shall be paid all sums required for the discharge by the Central Government of any of its liabilities under the scheme, or for the payment by the Central Government of the remuneration and expenses of agents employed for the purposes of that scheme. The Ordinance empowers the Government to authorise entry and inspection of the premises of any person carrying on in British India the business of fire insurance or of a seller of goods.

The scheme came into force as a voluntary scheme from 1st October 1940 and on a compulsory basis from 1st November 1940.

The Indian Shipping (Amendment) Bill.

A Bill to further amend the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, together with an extract from the Legislative Assembly debates, received through the Collector, called for this Association's views.

Though the amendment had our sympathetic support, it was felt that the question was one upon which the Haj Inquiry Committee and the Shipping Companies concerned should come to a mutual understanding.

The amended Bill was passed at the recent Session of the Central Legislative Assembly.

Banking Legislation—Proposals for an Indian Bank Act.

Copy of a letter from the Reserve Bank of India, and enclosures embodying the tentative proposals of the Reserve Bank on the question of Banking Legislation, submitted through the Collector, Civil and Military Station, received this Association's attention.

The draft Bill limits the extent of the business of banking companies, prohibits employment of managing agents, and finally prescribes a paid up capital and reserve of at least Rs. 1,00,000.

This Association recognised the imperative need for such restriction of Banking Legislation, and supported in the main the draft proposals put forward by the Reserve Bank of India, and in its report expressed the view that certain aspects of the Bill needed special emphasis, in view of recent experiences which had directly and adversely affected trades people and residents of the Civil and Military Station. The Association also emphasised the necessity of so wording the Bill as to definitely include the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore in the term "British India."

It is since understood, however, that the Reserve Bank of India has decided to postpone consideration of comprehensive Banking Legislation, as there is a feeling that it would be better to wait for more settled conditions before legislation of such far-reaching importance is decided upon.

Federation of Trades Associations of India.

The Second Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India was held at Bombay on 14th February 1941, Mr. Fred Webb, the Master of this Association attending. Amongst the many subjects debated, our representative revived the subject of trading debts in India of Army and Air Force Officers. The Federation reiterated its previous year's decision that there was nothing that could be done to alter matters, especially under present conditions.

Through Booking of Goods and Parcels to Ceylon Government Railways.

In view of the changing conditions, by which an increase of traffic between Bangalore and the Ceylon Government Railway may be anticipated, the Chief Commercial Manager, M. & S. M. Railway, was queried regarding the present position of through booking arrangements hitherto maintained, and whether any change had been made or is anticipated.

The Chief Commercial Manager sent a statement giving description of commodities and a list of stations between which through booking arrangement at present exist, stating also that no change in the arrangement is contemplated.

Delay and Delivery of Railway Parcels.

Considerable delay in the delivery of parcels in busy seasons, as for instance the Birthday Festivities and Dasara at Mysore, particularly with regard to cold storage supplies, was brought to the attention of the General Manager, Mysore Railways. The desirability of employing additional staff during that period was suggested to ensure quicker delivery.

The Traffic Manager, Mysore Railways, informed the Association that needful instructions have been issued in the matter and that any specific cases of undue delay should he brought to the attention of the concerned District Traffic Superintendents.

Representation on Railway Advisory Committees.

Following upon the resolution passed at the First Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India, we were advised by the Federation that local Associations desiring representation on Railway Local Advisory Committees should apply to the General Manager or Agent of the railways concerned.

Accordingly representation was made to the Mysore Railways as well as to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. The former informed us that there is already a representative of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce on the Committee, of which this Association is an honorary member, and the latter intimated that there is no vacancy on their Committee.

We assured the Madras Trades Association of our support in any measure contemplated by them to obtain representation on the Railway Advisory Committees.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Traffic Rules.

The draft of Traffic Rules to be substituted for Bye-Law No. 21 Chapter III of Bangalore Municipal Law proposed by the President, Municipal Commission, was considered. It was agreed that the proposals were necessary and not in any way objectionable.

Taxi Meters.

Attention was brought to the notice of the Committee that exorbitant rates were being charged for taxies plying for

hire, especially to strangers. The Association suggested that in the first instance a table of tariff rates be locally published and that information be broadcast by means of rate cards being placed in every taxi which plies for hire.

The suggestion having been placed before the Commissioner of Police, it is satisfactory to record that taxi meters have since been installed in some of the taxies. It is hoped that every taxi will, in future, be installed with such meters.

Census 1941.

An appeal for co-operation in the recent Census operations was received from the President, Municipal Commission, and copies of this were circulated amongst the members and their staffs for their information and care. The recorded population of the Station in 1931 was 1,34,113 and the present census figure is 1,58,655 thus showing an increase of 24,542.

Amendments to Municipal Bye-Law No. 15 relating to Control and Regulation of Advertisements

In last year's report it will be observed that the Association's representative on the Municipal Commission pressed to the full the Association's views, and the matter was referred to a Select Committee appointed by the Municipal Commission, to report.

The conclusions of the Select Committee (which included this Association's representative) were subsequently brought before the Municipal Commission and passed.

It is recorded with satisfaction that the Association's suggestions have been accepted by the Municipal Commission.

Association's Representative on the Municipal Commission.

The term of the Association's representative expired on 1st December 1940. An election was therefore held on 26th November 1940, with the approval of the Hon'ble the

Resident in Mysore. Mr. J. Isaac, B.A., B.L. was re-elected to serve on the Municipal Commission for another year.

Sale and Purchase of Pig Products.

An article in a local paper headed "Warning to Public" was felt by this committee to be harmful to trade interests and was therefore submitted to the Health Officer, whose attention was drawn to the fact that it cast a somewhat serious reflection upon Municipal thoroughness by suggesting that pork publicly sold in the Station, except by a firm specified, was contaminated, and that the Municipal market purchase of pork or pig flesh was dangerous to health.

The Committee records with satisfaction the prompt action taken by the Health Officer to ensure licensed sale at the Municipal market of certified pork and pig products. A correction and apology was subsequently published by the newspaper concerned.

Widening of South Parade.

Further representation was made during the year upon this very important and long standing question.

Our report for 1937—38 stated that further representation on this subject was necessary in view of the increased night traffic and the sanctioned parking of cars along South Parade.

It is recorded with some satisfaction that action is now being taken by the Executive Engineer to entirely cover the existing open drains along this vital thoroughfare and to metal the remaining portions, where there are no drains, as a definite contribution to a widening of the road.

Upkeep of the South Parade Maidan.

The Station Staff Officer asked for the co-operation of this Association with reference to refuse from shops on South Parade not being dumped in the proper containers, but thrown

about anywhere, and suggested that measures to discourage such thoughtlessness be taken by this Association.

We were able to inform the Station Staff Officer, that this upkeep and cleanliness of Military and adjacent paths had been agitated for by this Association as long ago as 1930. At that time members held the unanimous opinion that the trouble was due to searching amongst and scattering of the contents of the refuse bins by street urchins, beggars etc., who rummaged the dust bins in search of oddments, and who scattered the rubbish about the side-way, footpath and the adjoining riding track. Strict supervision by the Municipal Overseers and the Police put a stop to the nuisance for a time but it had recently become again apparent.

The Bangalore Trades Association welcomes the idea of the Military authorities giving thought to the amenities of the Military maidan and its adjacent public walks.

The Station Staff Officer has thanked the Association for its co-operation.

Poor Lighting of South Parade.

This subject has again received the attention of the Committee and a further representation has been made to the President, Municipal Commission. Members still hold the view that it is most unfair that the main lighting of this centrally important thoroughfare should be borne by the more enterprising tradesmen of South Parade. It is the unanimous opinion of members that were it not for the night-time contribution of light by local tradesman, South Parade, Bangalore's vital thoroughfare, would, at any time after sunset, present one unbroken danger line, both to pedestrians and to all vehicular traffic from St. Mark's Road to the Mayo Hall.

We have been informed that the Municipal Commission cannot undertake to do anything in the matter until the War is over.

Public Urinals on South Parade and Brigade Road.

At a recent meeting of this Association, lack of sanitary accommodation on South Parade and Brigade Road was made the subject of discussion.

It has been suggested to the President, Municipal Commission, that with the co-operation of the Military, public urinals should be erected on South Parade and Brigade Road, two very important thoroughfares.

A reply from the president, Municipal Commission, is awaited. The Military authorities have stated that they are willing to co-operate in every way possible.

Introduction of "Agmark" Scheme.

The Station Municipal Commission contemplates introducing the "Agmark" Scheme (Grading of Ghee—Certified Product) and the sale of certified ghee in the Civil and Military Station. The object of starting the scheme, it is stated, is "to improve the economic condition of the primary producer and also to ensure a supply of quality product in the market for the consumers."

The Health Officer, who had asked the views of this Association was informed that the scheme receives our whole-hearted support, subject to the approval of the Bye-Laws which it is understood have yet to be framed.

The Beggar Problem.

The Beggar Problem Special Committee representing this and other Associations and Public Bodies, though delayed in its purposes by the more vital matters of the present time, is still active.

At a meeting of this Special Committee held on 15th March 1941, it was resolved :—

> "This meeting of the Beggar Problem Special Committee representing the following Associa-

tions and Bodies: Bangalore Trades Association, Bangalore Rate-Payers' Association, Southern Division Rate-Payers' Association, The European Association, Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association. Anatha Asrayam, Young Men's Christian Association, Annavasanthi Sangham, The Friend-in-Need Society, Rotary Club, Bangalore Commercial Association and the Asaktha Poshaka Sabha,— directs the attention of the President, Municipal Commission, to the administrative ruling given in 1938, whereby expenditure required in connection with Sec. 69 (2) of the Bangalore Municipal Law, sub-sections (a) to (j) was compulsory on the Municipal Commission. As Sec. 69 (2) C of the Municipal Law clearly lays the responsibility in regard to the construction, establishment and maintenance of rest houses, chattrams, poor-houses etc., primarily on the Municipal Commission, this Committee would suggest that if the obstacle to the implementation of this Section is lack of funds the necessary funds may be raised by (*a*) the imposition of a small poor rate, or (*b*) by the floating of a loan.

The position now is that the Beggar Problem Special Committee will look to one of their Municipal Commissioners to bring a proposition before the Municipal Commission,

Electric Current Rates.

The Committee, again, this year, enquired of the Government of Mysore whether the promised consideration had been given to our representation in 1938. We have now been informed that Government have no present intention of reducing the rate.

The Committee also suggested to the Station Municipal Commission that the Municipality might make contract supply terms with the Mysore Government Electrical Department by which reduction of rates may accrue to current users in the Civil and Military Station.

The President, Municipal Commission, has replied stating that the Municipal Commission has no concern in the matter.

The Committee again asked the Government of Mysore when Government will definitely reconsider this publicly important question and why consideration has been delayed, and has been once again informed that Government have no intention of reducing the rate at present.

The matter was also referred to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce who took up this question through its representative on the Mysore Legislative Council. To this step, the decision of Government is still awaited.

The Bangalore Rate-Payers' Association propose to submit a joint appeal to the Government of Mysore and therefore have proposed a joint meeting of local Associations. This Assoctation has accepted the proposition and awaits the deliberations of the joint meeting.

Telephone Delays.

Slackness and delay at the local exchange being reported by several members, the Committee brought this to the notice of the authorities during February 1941.

The Committee has been informed that the whole matter is under investigation and that a further report will follow.

It is hoped that there will be no cause for further complaints.

Retrocession of the Civil and Military Station.

The Association has been informed that, in the event of retrocession of portions of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore to the Mysore Durbar, the trading interests of the retroceded area will be safeguarded. Recent provisions had contemplated only a nominated member to the Mysore Representative Assembly and no representation in the Legislative Council.

Attention had necessarily been directed to the understanding gained by various past deputations to Government Officials that the trading interests in the Civil and Military Station would, in the event of retrocession, be accorded combined representation in both the Mysore Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. This understanding, the Committee felt should in no way be departed from, and an assurance upon the point has now been obtained.

As regards the general question of Retrocession, the Joint Committee has, during the past year, met the Hon'ble the Resident by invitation on several occasions, when various points affecting the possible contingency of reversion to the Mysore State were discussed.

As the Joint Committee has been asked to continue to regard these conversations as confidential, we cannot say more for the present, beyond that no decision has as yet been come to. The Joint Committee has urged upon the Hon'ble the Resident the desirability of removing the restrictions which have been placed upon it to treat these conversations as strictly confidential, as it is felt that after a period of 7 years the public of the Civil and Military Station have a right to be told something. The Joint Committee hopes that it may shortly be possible to issue a statement for public information.

Armistice Day—"Lest we Forget."

A wreath of poppies was placed at the War Memorial by the Master, on 11th November 1940, on behalf of this Association.

Empire Day.

On behalf of the Members, on 24th May 1940, a floral Imperial Crown was placed at the Queen Victoria Statue by the Master.

Dog Show and Horse Show 1940.

The proceeds of these events being devoted to the War Fund, the Association sent contributions instead of the usual presentation cups.

Christmas and New Year Greetings.

Christmas and New Year Greetings were exchanged with Sister Associations, Residency and Government Officials, and with our friends in India and abroad.

Acknowledgments.

The Committee extends appreciative thanks to :—

1. His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, for copies of the " Commercial Bulletin."
2. The Station Staff Officer, for copies of Station Orders.
3. The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for Weekly Market Reports.
4. The Editors: American Exporter, London Chamber of Commerce Journal.
5. The Editor, " Commerce & Industry." New Delhi.
6. Messrs. Paterson & Co., Madras, for Market Reports.
7. The Editor, Daily Post, for publishing proceedings of meetings etc.
8. Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd, for the room in which the Association's meetings are held.
9. Mr. Elliot Miller, for rent free Registered Office etc.

Conclusion.

The Committee specially places on record its thanks to Sister Associations for their co-operation and to the Heads of Government Departments for the considerate and courteous manner in which our various representations have been handled.

BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22nd April 1941.

After adoption of the Committee's Report and the Audited Accounts for the year 1940—41, Mr. Fred Webb, Master, addressing the Members, said:—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is gratifying to me to again address you from this Chair and to once more welcome you at the Annual General Meeting, the 42nd this time, of the Bangalore Trades Association, the occasion being pleasingly marked by the presence of new members and of re-joined members.

I am satisfied with our Committee's activities. I won't say all in the garden thrives, but I do consider their efforts are most definitely fruitful. Much of the spade work is productive. Some, however, is not so yet; I refer to such "hardy annuals" as Electric Current Rates, Poor Lighting of South Parade, The Beggar Problem and, perhaps, another problem or two.

Regarding several improvements in this Station, we have reason to feel our deliberations have met with encouragement and our representations with much distinct success, and this, when we think of the world wide war and its ghastly wreckage, is quite sufficient for me to say regarding amenities local to Bangalore.

Trade amongst us in this little off-shoot of Empire is undoubtedly good, and we must feel glad that in doing our utmost to keep it so, we are helping within our measure of means to subdue the foes of democracy.

This is just what we all felt we must do a year ago, when I was similarly privileged to address you, and I feel proud to

look round Bangalore and to see that no one since then has faltered or fallen by the way. One word more on this excusably local aspect of the spirit which knits us to Empire; I cannot resist reminding you of what I then said: that we, as associated tradesmen, needed to get together and to help each other help England's export trade so far as we individually could. I am sensitive enough to feel a personal pride in the successes which we in this Association have helped one another's businesses to achieve. Looking out on a greater, wider vista, too, as others and I have to do in the automobile industry, it is good to know that the English speaking races are firmly and forever united in one great human resolve, and I rejoice in the passing of the "Lease and Lend Bill" in the U. S. A. Though the most calamitous and aggresive war in history must necesarily be faced by our people alone, we know, now, that the sympathies of all the English-speaking races of the world are with us. The writing is already on the wall, Herr Hitler,—and, make no mistake about it, the language is Anglo-American— but, *English* all the same. I realised when I was in Bombay this year, on your behalf, what a bond that language is between all of us; it was my good fortune to have some most informative talks with several great men of Indian Industry and Commerce and as I listened I felt proud of the democratic brotherhood for which our language stands.

The outlook is good and success depends on ourselves. There are those who prophesy higher and higher living costs and more and more taxation, less and less importation, and such increasing exports that we shall not profit in the end however we work and slog to build up big figures in our respective trades. Let the pessimists stew in their own juice; I am not a professor of Economics, but I do listen in and I do read my papers, and I also use my brain and my muscles and skill as duty tells me to. Just as everyone of you will do, I shall work on until I drop if need be and my workmen with

me. My feeling is that this is all each one of us can do towards India's and Britain's defence, and I regard our utmost as being the least which England's great Prime Minister demands of us.

Of the lesser things than winning this war,—the Exchanges and the Markets,—I shall say no more than I said last year. I am never impressed by the great rises and falls in market prices or stocks and shares, and I feel that my children may live to enjoy a time when every man will own some share in a great democratic commonwealth and be trained to be happy in capably managing his workshop, trade, farm or mine or any other profession or place he may hold in the new order. All that has yet to happen. Let us push on with whatever we must do at the present time, keeping our minds tuned up to the fact that the more we find to do in our trades the more we contribute to winning the war and to that restitution which our leaders must later exact from the unspeakable Hun.

We must welcome, almost in our midst, the ever increasing war-time industries, motor works, aeroplane factories, and I hope, munition manufacturing. All is to the good. I believe that when humanitarian democracy has overcome our adversaries, all the equipment and sinews of war will be somehow turned to industrially human good; and there will be no place in the world for the man who tries to get away with the money spoils of war. Meantime we tradesmen must handle well these present days of good trading and those which are ahead of us. No grousing or grumbling at taxes or overwork—everything must stand aside for the welfare of Empire and for the assurance of India's defence. We must ever keep before us the example set to all the world by our kith and kin at Home in glorious England. Here, as there, our watchword must be "Nil desperandum."

Let me now thank each and all the members of this

Association for the way they have rallied round my Committee and me in the year that has passed. I am specially grateful to each member of my Committee, to the Representative upon the C. and M. Station Municipal Commision, and to the Honorary Treasurers who have so well helped to make the year a financial succees. To the Honorary Secretary I feel forever indebted, and have told him so on very many occasions. He, for his part, refers me to the very able help he receives from our Office Manager, Mr. B. Seshadri. I am glad to be in the most complete agreement with Capt. Campbell upon this point, particularly for the splendid results he has achieved in our debt collecting department.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it has been good of you all to hear me out and to see me through this year, I wish my successor, whoever he or she may be, the same support you have extended to me and I shall be with you, in that membership duty, through thick and thin. I wish the Bangalore Trades Association outstanding success in this ensuing year and a maintenance of every old tradition.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Office - Bearers, 1940—41.

Master :
MR. FRED WEBB.

Immediate Past Master :
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Honorary Treasurer :
MRS. V. CARLETON (from 1-4-40 to 15-11-40).
MISS. KATHLEEN DOYLE (from 21-11-40 to 31-3-41).

Honorary Secretary :
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

Committee :
MR. FRED PARR.
MR. F. L. PAXTON.
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.
MR. A. SMITH.

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On the Mysore Chamber of Commerce :
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

On the A. F. I. Advisory Committee :
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

On the Excise Advisory Committee :
MR. R. SUTRAMDAS (from 1-5-40 to 30-9-40).
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL (from 1-10-40).

On the Ex-Service Association :
COL. C. E. HALL.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 1941

EXPENDITURE.				Rs.	A.	P.
To Establishment (including Bonus)				941	0	0
,, Printing and Stationery (including Annual Report) ...				145	9	9
,, Postage and Telegrams				55	14	0
,, Entertainment				34	5	4
,, Filing fee to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.				11	0	0
,, Legal fees				47	2	0
,, Dog and Horse Shows (1940)...				30	0	0
,, Audit fee				25	0	0
,, Peon's Uniform				10	4	0
,, Expenses: Empire and Armistic Day				6	4	0
,, Donation to War fund				55	0	0
,, Federation of Trades Association of India:—						
Annual Subscription ...	Rs.	100	0 0			
Delegation charge ...	,,	150	2 0			
				250	2	0
,, Subscription to Residency Orders				14	14	0
,, Contribution towards Printing of Joint Memorandum (moiety)...				4	4	0
,, Miscellaneous (including Office Equipment and commission paid and Bank charges)...				57	0	0
,, Subscriptions irrecoverable written off				10	0	0
,, Depreciation on Furniture				11	0	0
,, Commission to Office Manager due on debt collections				90	7	0
,, Excess of Income over expenditure carried to Capital account...				20	12	11
TOTAL Rs...				1819	15	0

INCOME.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions (including Entrance fee) for 1940—41.	1280	0	0
,, Commission on Debt Collection	271	4	11
,, Legal fees recovered	47	2	0
,, Subscriptions to Dog and Horse Shows... ...	30	0	0
,, Subscriptions to Delegation to the Federation of Trades Association of India...	138	0	0
,, Donation to War fund	50	0	0
,, Bank Interest	3	8	1
TOTAL Rs..	1819	15	0

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1941

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.					Rs.	A.	P.	PROPERTY AND ASSETS.					Rs.	A.	P.
Capital Account:—								*Furniture Account.*							
Balance as on 31-3-40 ...	Rs.	286	13	11				(Typewriter, Books and Bicycle)							
Add excess of Income over								Balance as per last Balance Sheet...	Rs.	119	0	0			
Expenditure for 40—41...	,,	20	12	11				Less Depreciation for the year ...	,,	11	0	0			
					307	10	10						108	0	0
Sundry Creditors:—								*Member's Subscription due*							
Spencer & Co., Ltd. ..	,,	1	14	4				(considered good)					10	0	0
Messrs. Higginbothams ...	,,	11	8	0											
Audit fee outstanding ...	,,	25	0	0				*Postage due*							
Office Establishment for March 41.	,,	78	0	0				(from Travancore National & Quilon Bank Ltd.,							
Commission to Office Manager ...	,,	90	7	0				in Liquidation) considered doubtful...					7	9	0
					206	13	4								
Subscription paid in advance					15	0	0								
Debt Collection Account:—								*Cash and Bank Balances:—*							
Debts recovered	,,	1813	1	9				Balance with Palai Central Bank							
Less paid to Members ...	,,	1813	1	9				Ltd., Bangalore, in Current							
								account	Rs.	403	1	5			
(Excludes collections remitted direct to members)								Cash on hand	,,	0	13	9			
													403	15	2
TOTAL RS...					529	8	2	TOTAL RS...					529	8	2

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year ending 31st March 1941 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended that date and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet of the Association is drawn up in conformity with the law and exhibits a true and correct state of affairs of the Association as on 31st March 1941 and as shown by the books of the Association. In my opinion, the books of account have been kept as required by the law.

BANGALORE,
Dated 10th April 1941.

J. R. CAMPBELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

KATHLEEN DOYLE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR, B. com. G.D.A., R.A. *Registered Accountant.*

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Office-Bearers, 1941—42.

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Bangalore Trades Association

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—MEMBER—
FEDERATION OF TRADES ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA.

United Kingdom Contact:—
London Association
for Protection of Trade.

All Cheques and Remittances to be made payable to Bangalore Trades Association.

TELEPHONE 129

Registered Office:
17a South Parade,
BANGALORE,

13th May 1941

The Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

OFFICE OF THE
RESIDENT
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.
16 MAY 1941
Diary No. 4952
File No

Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the Annual Report of the Committee of this Association for the year 1940-41.

I have the honour to remain
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

J McCampbell
Capt,
Honorary Secretary.

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Please circulate
Chief
Treasurer

The
Bangalore
Trades Association

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE

WITH AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FROM

1st APRIL 1940 to 31st MARCH, 1941.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

PAST MASTERS.

Year	*Names.*
1899	Mr. O. J. Bird.
1900—1	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1901—2	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1902—3	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1904	Mr. I. Bronson.
1905	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1906	Mr. J. B. Forster.
1907	Mr. W. Davis.
1908	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1909	Mr. W. Davis.
1910	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1911—12	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1912	Mr. S. H. Elliot.
1913	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1914	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1915	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1916	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1917	Mr. J. R. Campbell.
1918—19	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1919—20	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1920—21	Mr. R. Laver.
1921—22	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1922—23	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1923—24	Mr. W. Wailling.
1924—25	Mr. R. Laver.
1925—26	Mr. R. Laver.
1926—27	Mr. J. R. Thompson.
1927—28	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1928—29	Mr. G. Alex. Lavender.
1929—30	Mr. Geo. L Harvey.
1930—31	Mr. Geo. L. Harvey.
1931—32	Mr. A. H. Bridle.
1932—33	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1933—34	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1934—35	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1935—36	Mr. E. Weaver. Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1936—37	Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1937—38	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1938—39	Mr. Elliot Miller.
1939—40	Mr. J. M. Charles. Mr. Fred Webb.
1940—41	Mr. Fred Webb

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

List of Members, March 31st, 1941.

1. Messrs. Bangalore Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, South Parade.
2. „ Barton, Son & Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Jewellers and Silversmiths, Diamond Merchants, Art Metal Workers, Masonic Outfitters, Watch and Clock Makers, etc., South Parade.
3. „ Bunny's, High Class English Confectioners and Caterers to Officer's Camps and British Forces, South Parade.
4. „ Cash Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, St. Mark's Road.
5. „ Campbell & Sons, General Merchants, Licensed Plumbers, Electrical and Sanitary Engineering Contractors, Avenue Road,
6. „ Central Hotel, Lavelle Road.
7. „ Daily Post, News Paper (Daily), Madras Bank Road.
8. „ Funnells Ltd., Confectioners and Caterers, Fully Licensed Restaurateurs, 16, South Parade.
9. „ Glenand Products, Glenand Dog Biscuit Manufacturers, etc., South Parade.
10. „ Globe Theatres Ltd.—The New Globe, Picture House, South Parade.
11. „ Higginbothams, Booksellers, Stationers, Printers and Engravers; Agents for "The Mail," Madras and "The Statesman," Calcutta, South Parade.

(Continued)

12. Messrs. Kathleen Doyle, Gowns & Hats, South Parade.

13. „ Lavender's Hotel, 4 & 5, Cubbon Road.

14. „ Lake View Estate Creamery, Suppliers of Fresh Dairy Produce and Importers and Distributors of Refrigerated Products, 1, Old Madras Road.

15. „ Murch W. H., B.Sc., Qualified Refractionist and Opthalmic Optician, Brigade Road.

16. „ New Imperial Talkies, Picture House, Residency Road.

17. „ R. Patel & Co., Automobile Engineers, Agents for "Pontiac" and "Vauxhall" Cars, St. Mark's Road.

18. „ Parr & Co., Auctioneers, Commission, House and Estate Agents, Agents The Norwich Mutual Life Office, St. Mark's Road.

19. „ Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bankers, Members of Reserve Bank of India, South Parade.

20. „ Shearers Ltd., Direct Importers of Hats, Gowns, Corsets etc., Dress Makers and Milliners, 2, St. Mark's Road.

21. „ Spencer & Co., Ltd., Wholesale and Retail Merchants and Importers, General Merchants, South Parade.

22. „ Simpson & Co., Ltd., Automobile Engineers, Agents and Coach Builders, South Parade.

23. „ Sutramdas Ltd., Proprietors of Cinemas, Main Guard Cross Road.

24. „ Webb's Sales & Service, Automobile Engineers, Authorised 'Ford' Dealers, South Parade.

Report of the Committee

OF THE

Bangalore Trades Association

for the year 1940—41.

The Committee takes pleasure in presenting this Report for the year ending 31st March 1941, with the Audited Accounts for the same period.

During the year, 1 Special General Meeting, 11 Monthly General Meetings and 7 Committee Meetings were held in addition to the Annual General Meeting. All meetings were well attended.

The strength of the Association at the end of the year was 24 as against 18 at the commencement, recording an increase of six. Two applications failed in the ballot.

His Late Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

The Committee greatly regrets to record the death on 3rd August 1940, in Bangalore, of His Highness Sir Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I., G.B.E., late Maharaja of Mysore. Out of respect to the memory of His Highness all members closed their establishments on Monday, 5th August 1940, flying flags at half mast. A telegram of condolence was sent to His late Highness's Private Secretary.

The Members of this Association closed their establishments on Thursday, 15th August 1940, the day set aside for the final obsequies.

By the death of His Highness, Industry, Trade and Commerce have lost a great Patron and Benefactor. During his benign reign of 38 years, Mysore has gained outstanding industrial prominence and has become one of the leading States of India. Apart from developing the great natural resources of the State, every encouragement has been given to add new branches of Industry, Science and Research, which under the capable guidance of His late Highness, has attained proud eminence in India and the British Empire.

The following resolution was passed at a meeting of this Association held on 27th August 1940, all members present standing.

"That the Members of the Bangalore Trades Association place on record their profound sense of sorrow at the death of Sir Sri Krishnaraja Wadiyar Bahadur, Maharaja of Mysore and their deep sympathy and condolence with the Royal House of Mysore.

Loyal Felicitations.

This Association's letter, conveying loyal felicitations was sent to His Highness Sri Jaya Chamaraja Wadiyar Bahadur on the occasion of His Highness' accession to the Throne of Mysore, on 8th September 1940.

In honour of the occasion, members closed their establishments on that day.

War Funds.

Appeals for support to the War Funds have been received from the Hon'ble the Resident, and from the Collector, who is the Chairman of the Appeal Committee of the Civil and Military Station War Fund Association. The members of

this Association have very willingly responded to such appeals by individual contributions, and the staffs and employees of several member firms have co-operated in this direction.

The Association also contributed to the activities of the Bangalore Civil and Military Station Provincial War Committee, a subsidiary of the Civil and Military Station War Fund Association.

War Risks Insurance of Commodities.

The Government of India having decided in August to introduce a scheme of compulsory War Risk Insurance of goods on land or inland waterways in India, the Federation of Trades Associations of India asked for the views of our Association.

After careful consideration this Association was in favour of the proposed scheme, as the protection it affords is regarded as both necessary and desirable.

The Government of India issued an Ordinance on 26th August 1940, "The War Risks (Goods) Insurance Ordinance" providing, inter alia, "for the creation of a fund to be called the "War Risks (Goods) Insurance Fund," into which shall be paid all sums received by the Central Government by way of insurance premiums and out of which shall be paid all sums required for the discharge by the Central Government of any of its liabilities under the scheme, or for the payment by the Central Government of the remuneration and expenses of agents employed for the purposes of that scheme. The Ordinance empowers the Government to authorise entry and inspection of the premises of any person carrying on in British India the business of fire insurance or of a seller of goods.

The scheme came into force as a voluntary scheme from 1st October 1940 and on a compulsory basis from 1st November 1940.

The Indian Shipping (Amendment) Bill.

A Bill to further amend the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, together with an extract from the Legislative Assembly debates, received through the Collector, called for this Association's views.

Though the amendment had our sympathetic support, it was felt that the question was one upon which the Haj Inquiry Committee and the Shipping Companies concerned should come to a mutual understanding.

The amended Bill was passed at the recent Session of the Central Legislative Assembly.

Banking Legislation. -Proposals for an Indian Bank Act.

Copy of a letter from the Reserve Bank of India, and enclosures embodying the tentative proposals of the Reserve Bank on the question of Banking Legislation, submitted through the Collector, Civil and Military Station, received this Association's attention.

The draft Bill limits the extent of the business of banking companies, prohibits employment of managing agents, and finally prescribes a paid up capital and reserve of at least Rs. 1,00,000.

This Association recognised the imperative need for such restriction of Banking Legislation, and supported in the main the draft proposals put forward by the Reserve Bank of India, and in its report expressed the view that certain aspects of the Bill needed special emphasis, in view of recent experiences which had directly and adversely affected trades people and residents of the Civil and Military Station. The Association also emphasised the necessity of so wording the Bill as to definitely include the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore in the term "British India."

It is since understood, however, that the Reserve Bank of India has decided to postpone consideration of comprehensive Banking Legislation, as there is a feeling that it would be better to wait for more settled conditions before legislation of such far-reaching importance is decided upon.

Federation of Trades Associations of India.

The Second Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India was held at Bombay on 14th February 1941, Mr. Fred Webb, the Master of this Association attending. Amongst the many subjects debated, our representative revived the subject of trading debts in India of Army and Air Force Officers. The Federation reiterated its previous year's decision that there was nothing that could be done to alter matters, especially under present conditions.

Through Booking of Goods and Parcels to Ceylon Government Railways.

In view of the changing conditions, by which an increase of traffic between Bangalore and the Ceylon Government Railway may be anticipated, the Chief Commercial Manager, M. & S. M. Railway, was queried regarding the present position of through booking arrangements hitherto maintained, and whether any change had been made or is anticipated.

The Chief Commercial Manager sent a statement giving description of commodities and a list of stations between which through booking arrangement at present exist, stating also that no change in the arrangement is contemplated.

Delay and Delivery of Railway Parcels.

Considerable delay in the delivery of parcels in busy seasons, as for instance the Birthday Festivities and Dasara at Mysore, particularly with regard to cold storage supplies, was brought to the attention of the General Manager, Mysore Railways. The desirability of employing additional staff during that period was suggested to ensure quicker delivery.

The Traffic Manager, Mysore Railways, informed the Association that needful instructions have been issued in the matter and that any specific cases of undue delay should he brought to the attention of the concerned District Traffic Superintendents.

Representation on Railway Advisory Committees.

Following upon the resolution passed at the First Annual General Meeting of the Federation of Trades Associations of India, we were advised by the Federation that local Associations desiring representation on Railway Local Advisory Committees should apply to the General Manager or Agent of the railways concerned.

Accordingly representation was made to the Mysore Railways as well as to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway. The former informed us that there is already a representative of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce on the Committee, of which this Association is an honorary member, and the latter intimated that there is no vacancy on their Committee.

We assured the Madras Trades Association of our support in any measure contemplated by them to obtain representation on the Railway Advisory Committees.

MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

Traffic Rules.

The draft of Traffic Rules to be substituted for Bye-Law No. 21 Chapter III of Bangalore Municipal Law proposed by the President, Municipal Commission, was considered. It was agreed that the proposals were necessary and not in any way objectionable.

Taxi Meters.

Attention was brought to the notice of the Committee that exorbitant rates were being charged for taxies plying for

hire, especially to strangers. The Association suggested that in the first instance a table of tariff rates be locally published and that information be broadcast by means of rate cards being placed in every taxi which plies for hire.

The suggestion having been placed before the Commissioner of Police, it is satisfactory to record that taxi meters have since been installed in some of the taxies. It is hoped that every taxi will, in future, be installed with such meters.

Census 1941.

An appeal for co-operation in the recent Census operations was received from the President, Municipal Commission, and copies of this were circulated amongst the members and their staffs for their information and care. The recorded population of the Station in 1931 was 1,34,113 and the present census figure is 1,58,655 thus showing an increase of 24,542.

Amendments to Municipal Bye-Law No. 15 relating to Control and Regulation of Advertisements

In last year's report it will be observed that the Association's representative on the Municipal Commission pressed to the full the Association's views, and the matter was referred to a Select Committee appointed by the Municipal Commission, to report.

The conclusions of the Select Committee (which included this Association's representative) were subsequently brought before the Municipal Commission and passed.

It is recorded with satisfaction that the Association's suggestions have been accepted by the Municipal Commission.

Association's Representative on the Municipal Commission.

The term of the Association's representative expired on 1st December 1940. An election was therefore held on 26th November 1940, with the approval of the Hon'ble the

Resident in Mysore. Mr. J. Isaac, B.A., B.L. was re-elected to serve on the Municipal Commission for another year.

Sale and Purchase of Pig Products.

An article in a local paper headed "Warning to Public" was felt by this committee to be harmful to trade interests and was therefore submitted to the Health Officer, whose attention was drawn to the fact that it cast a somewhat serious reflection upon Municipal thoroughness by suggesting that pork publicly sold in the Station, except by a firm specified, was contaminated, and that the Municipal market purchase of pork or pig flesh was dangerous to health.

The Committee records with satisfaction the prompt action taken by the Health Officer to ensure licensed sale at the Municipal market of certified pork and pig products. A correction and apology was subsequently published by the newspaper concerned.

Widening of South Parade.

Further representation was made during the year upon this very important and long standing question.

Our report for 1937—38 stated that further representation on this subject was necessary in view of the increased night traffic and the sanctioned parking of cars along South Parade.

It is recorded with some satisfaction that action is now being taken by the Executive Engineer to entirely cover the existing open drains along this vital thoroughfare and to metal the remaining portions, where there are no drains, as a definite contribution to a widening of the road.

Upkeep of the South Parade Maidan.

The Station Staff Officer asked for the co-operation of this Association with reference to refuse from shops on South Parade not being dumped in the proper containers, but thrown

about anywhere, and suggested that measures to discourage such thoughtlessness be taken by this Association.

We were able to inform the Station Staff Officer, that this upkeep and cleanliness of Military and adjacent paths had been agitated for by this Association as long ago as 1930. At that time members held the unanimous opinion that the trouble was due to searching amongst and scattering of the contents of the refuse bins by street urchins, beggars etc., who rummaged the dust bins in search of oddments, and who scattered the rubbish about the side-way, footpath and the adjoining riding track. Strict supervision by the Municipal Overseers and the Police put a stop to the nuisance for a time but it had recently become again apparent.

The Bangalore Trades Association welcomes the idea of the Military authorities giving thought to the amenities of the Military maidan and its adjacent public walks.

The Station Staff Officer has thanked the Association for its co-operation.

Poor Lighting of South Parade.

This subject has again received the attention of the Committee and a further representation has been made to the President, Municipal Commission. Members still hold the view that it is most unfair that the main lighting of this centrally important thoroughfare should be borne by the more enterprising tradesmen of South Parade. It is the unanimous opinion of members that were it not for the night-time contribution of light by local tradesman, South Parade, Bangalore's vital thoroughfare, would, at any time after sunset, present one unbroken danger line, both to pedestrians and to all vehicular traffic from St. Mark's Road to the Mayo Hall.

We have been informed that the Municipal Commission cannot undertake to do anything in the matter until the War is over.

Public Urinals on South Parade and Brigade Road.

At a recent meeting of this Association, lack of sanitary accommodation on South Parade and Brigade Road was made the subject of discussion.

It has been suggested to the President, Municipal Commission, that with the co-operation of the Military, public urinals should be erected on South Parade and Brigade Road, two very important thoroughfares.

A reply from the president, Municipal Commission, is awaited. The Military authorities have stated that they are willing to co-operate in every way possible.

Introduction of "Agmark" Scheme.

The Station Municipal Commission contemplates introducing the "Agmark" Scheme (Grading of Ghee—Certified Product) and the sale of certified ghee in the Civil and Military Station. The object of starting the scheme, it is stated, is "to improve the economic condition of the primary producer and also to ensure a supply of quality product in the market for the consumers."

The Health Officer, who had asked the views of this Association was informed that the scheme receives our whole-hearted support, subject to the approval of the Bye-Laws which it is understood have yet to be framed.

The Beggar Problem.

The Beggar Problem Special Committee representing this and other Associations and Public Bodies, though delayed in its purposes by the more vital matters of the present time, is still active.

At a meeting of this Special Committee held on 15th March 1941, it was resolved :—

> "This meeting of the Beggar Problem Special Committee representing the following Associa-

tions and Bodies: Bangalore Trades Association, Bangalore Rate-Payers' Association, Southern Division Rate-Payers' Association, The European Association, Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association. Anatha Asrayam, Young Men's Christian Association, Annavasanthi Sangham, The Friend-in-Need Society, Rotary Club, Bangalore Commercial Association and the Asaktha Poshaka Sabha,— directs the attention of the President, Municipal Commission, to the administrative ruling given in 1938, whereby expenditure required in connection with Sec. 69 (2) of the Bangalore Municipal Law, sub-sections (a) to (j) was compulsory on the Municipal Commission. As Sec. 69 (2) C of the Municipal Law clearly lays the responsibility in regard to the construction, establishment and maintenance of rest houses, chattrams, poor-houses etc., primarily on the Municipal Commission, this Committee would suggest that if the obstacle to the implementation of this Section is lack of funds the necessary funds may be raised by (*a*) the imposition of a small poor rate, or (*b*) by the floating of a loan.

The position now is that the Beggar Problem Special Committee will look to one of their Municipal Commissioners to bring a proposition before the Municipal Commission,

Electric Current Rates.

The Committee, again, this year, enquired of the Government of Mysore whether the promised consideration had been given to our representation in 1938. We have now been informed that Government have no present intention of reducing the rate.

The Committee also suggested to the Station Municipal Commission that the Municipality might make contract supply terms with the Mysore Government Electrical Department by which reduction of rates may accrue to current users in the Civil and Military Station.

The President, Municipal Commission, has replied stating that the Municipal Commission has no concern in the matter.

The Committee again asked the Government of Mysore when Government will definitely reconsider this publicly important question and why consideration has been delayed, and has been once again informed that Government have no intention of reducing the rate at present.

The matter was also referred to the Mysore Chamber of Commerce who took up this question through its representative on the Mysore Legislative Council. To this step, the decision of Government is still awaited.

The Bangalore Rate-Payers' Association propose to submit a joint appeal to the Government of Mysore and therefore have proposed a joint meeting of local Associations. This Assoctation has accepted the proposition and awaits the deliberations of the joint meeting.

Telephone Delays.

Slackness and delay at the local exchange being reported by several members, the Committee brought this to the notice of the authorities during February 1941.

The Committee has been informed that the whole matter is under investigation and that a further report will follow.

It is hoped that there will be no cause for further complaints.

Retrocession of the Civil and Military Station.

The Association has been informed that, in the event of retrocession of portions of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore to the Mysore Durbar, the trading interests of the retroceded area will be safeguarded. Recent provisions had contemplated only a nominated member to the Mysore Representative Assembly and no representation in the Legislative Council.

Attention had necessarily been directed to the understanding gained by various past deputations to Government Officials that the trading interests in the Civil and Military Station would, in the event of retrocession, be accorded combined representation in both the Mysore Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. This understanding, the Committee felt should in no way be departed from, and an assurance upon the point has now been obtained.

As regards the general question of Retrocession, the Joint Committee has, during the past year, met the Hon'ble the Resident by invitation on several occasions, when various points affecting the possible contingency of reversion to the Mysore State were discussed.

As the Joint Committee has been asked to continue to regard these conversations as confidential, we cannot say more for the present, beyond that no decision has as yet been come to. The Joint Committee has urged upon the Hon'ble the Resident the desirability of removing the restrictions which have been placed upon it to treat these conversations as strictly confidential, as it is felt that after a period of 7 years the public of the Civil and Military Station have a right to be told something. The Joint Committee hopes that it may shortly be possible to issue a statement for public information.

Armistice Day—"Lest we Forget."

A wreath of poppies was placed at the War Memorial by the Master, on 11th November 1940, on behalf of this Association.

Empire Day.

On behalf of the Members, on 24th May 1940, a floral Imperial Crown was placed at the Queen Victoria Statue by the Master.

Dog Show and Horse Show 1940.

The proceeds of these events being devoted to the War Fund, the Association sent contributions instead of the usual presentation cups.

Christmas and New Year Greetings.

Christmas and New Year Greetings were exchanged with Sister Associations, Residency and Government Officials, and with our friends in India and abroad.

Acknowledgments.

The Committee extends appreciative thanks to :—

1. His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, for copies of the " Commercial Bulletin."
2. The Station Staff Officer, for copies of Station Orders.
3. The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for Weekly Market Reports.
4. The Editors: American Exporter, London Chamber of Commerce Journal.
5. The Editor, " Commerce & Industry." New Delhi.
6. Messrs. Paterson & Co., Madras, for Market Reports.
7. The Editor, Daily Post, for publishing proceedings of meetings etc.
8. Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd, for the room in which the Association's meetings are held.
9. Mr. Elliot Miller, for rent free Registered Office etc.

Conclusion.

The Committee specially places on record its thanks to Sister Associations for their co-operation and to the Heads of Government Departments for the considerate and courteous manner in which our various representations have been handled.

BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

22nd April 1941.

After adoption of the Committee's Report and the Audited Accounts for the year 1940—41, Mr. Fred Webb, Master, addressing the Members, said :—

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is gratifying to me to again address you from this Chair and to once more welcome you at the Annual General Meeting, the 42nd this time, of the Bangalore Trades Association, the occasion being pleasingly marked by the presence of new members and of re-joined members.

I am satisfied with our Committee's activities. I won't say all in the garden thrives, but I do consider their efforts are most definitely fruitful. Much of the spade work is productive. Some, however, is not so yet; I refer to such "hardy annuals" as Electric Current Rates, Poor Lighting of South Parade, The Beggar Problem and, perhaps, another problem or two.

Regarding several improvements in this Station, we have reason to feel our deliberations have met with encouragement and our representations with much distinct success, and this, when we think of the world wide war and its ghastly wreckage, is quite sufficient for me to say regarding amenities local to Bangalore.

Trade amongst us in this little off-shoot of Empire is undoubtedly good, and we must feel glad that in doing our utmost to keep it so, we are helping within our measure of means to subdue the foes of democracy.

This is just what we all felt we must do a year ago, when I was similarly privileged to address you, and I feel proud to

look round Bangalore and to see that no one since then has faltered or fallen by the way. One word more on this excusably local aspect of the spirit which knits us to Empire; I cannot resist reminding you of what I then said: that we, as associated tradesmen, needed to get together and to help each other help England's export trade so far as we individually could. I am sensitive enough to feel a personal pride in the successes which we in this Association have helped one another's businesses to achieve. Looking out on a greater, wider vista, too, as others and I have to do in the automobile industry, it is good to know that the English speaking races are firmly and forever united in one great human resolve, and I rejoice in the passing of the "Lease and Lend Bill" in the U. S. A. Though the most calamitous and aggresive war in history must necesarily be faced by our people alone, we know, now, that the sympathies of all the English-speaking races of the world are with us. The writing is already on the wall, Herr Hitler,—and, make no mistake about it, the language is Anglo-American — but, *English* all the same. I realised when I was in Bombay this year, on your behalf, what a bond that language is between all of us; it was my good fortune to have some most informative talks with several great men of Indian Industry and Commerce and as I listened I felt proud of the democratic brotherhood for which our language stands.

The outlook is good and success depends on ourselves. There are those who prophesy higher and higher living costs and more and more taxation, less and less importation, and such increasing exports that we shall not profit in the end however we work and slog to build up big figures in our respective trades. Let the pessimists stew in their own juice; I am not a professor of Economics, but I do listen in and I do read my papers, and I also use my brain and my muscles and skill as duty tells me to. Just as everyone of you will do, I shall work on until I drop if need be and my workmen with

me. My feeling is that this is all each one of us can do towards India's and Britain's defence, and I regard our utmost as being the least which England's great Prime Minister demands of us.

Of the lesser things than winning this war,—the Exchanges and the Markets,— I shall say no more than I said last year. I am never impressed by the great rises and falls in market prices or stocks and shares, and I feel that my children may live to enjoy a time when every man will own some share in a great democratic commonwealth and be trained to be happy in capably managing his workshop, trade, farm or mine or any other profession or place he may hold in the new order. All that has yet to happen. Let us push on with whatever we must do at the present time, keeping our minds tuned up to the fact that the more we find to do in our trades the more we contribute to winning the war and to that restitution which our leaders must later exact from the unspeakable Hun.

We must welcome, almost in our midst, the ever increasing war-time industries, motor works, aeroplane factories, and I hope, munition manufacturing. All is to the good. I believe that when humanitarian democracy has overcome our adversaries, all the equipment and sinews of war will be somehow turned to industrially human good; and there will be no place in the world for the man who tries to get away with the money spoils of war. Meantime we tradesmen must handle well these present days of good trading and those which are ahead of us. No grousing or grumbling at taxes or overwork—everything must stand aside for the welfare of Empire and for the assurance of India's defence. We must ever keep before us the example set to all the world by our kith and kin at Home in glorious England. Here, as there, our watchword must be "Nil desperandum."

Let me now thank each and all the members of this

Association for the way they have rallied round my Committee and me in the year that has passed. I am specially grateful to each member of my Committee, to the Representative upon the C. and M. Station Municipal Commision, and to the Honorary Treasurers who have so well helped to make the year a financial succees. To the Honorary Secretary I feel forever indebted, and have told him so on very many occasions. He, for his part, refers me to the very able help he receives from our Office Manager, Mr. B. Seshadri. I am glad to be in the most complete agreement with Capt. Campbell upon this point, particularly for the splendid results he has achieved in our debt collecting department.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it has been good of you all to hear me out and to see me through this year, I wish my successor, whoever he or she may be, the same support you have extended to me and I shall be with you, in that membership duty, through thick and thin. I wish the Bangalore Trades Association outstanding success in this ensuing year and a maintenance of every old tradition.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Office-Bearers, 1940—41.

Master:
MR. FRED WEBB.

Immediate Past Master:
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

Honorary Treasurer:
MRS. V. CARLETON (from 1-4-40 to 15-11-40).
MISS. KATHLEEN DOYLE (from 21-11-40 to 31-3-41).

Honorary Secretary:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

Committee:
MR. FRED PARR.
MR. F. L. PAXTON.
MR. J. ISAAC, B.A., B.L.
MR. A. SMITH.

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On the Mysore Chamber of Commerce:
MR. ELLIOT MILLER.

On the A. F. I. Advisory Committee:
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL.

On the Excise Advisory Committee:
MR. R. SUTRAMDAS (from 1-5-40 to 30-9-40).
CAPT. J. R. CAMPBELL (from 1-10-40).

On the Ex-Service Association:
COL. C. E. HALL.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 1941

EXPENDITURE.				Rs.	A.	P.
To Establishment (including Bonus)				941	0	0
" Printing and Stationery (including Annual Report) ...				145	9	9
" Postage and Telegrams				55	14	0
" Entertainment				34	5	4
" Filing fee to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.				11	0	0
" Legal fees				47	2	0
" Dog and Horse Shows (1940)				30	0	0
" Audit fee				25	0	0
" Peon's Uniform				10	4	0
" Expenses: Empire and Armistic Day				6	4	0
" Donation to War fund				55	0	0
" Federation of Trades Association of India:—						
" Annual Subscription ...	Rs.	100	0 0			
Delegation charge ...	,,	150	2 0			
				250	2	0
Subscription to Residency Orders				14	14	0
" Contribution towards Printing of Joint Memorandum (moiety)...				4	4	0
" Miscellaneous (including Office Equipment and commission paid and Bank charges)...				57	0	0
Subscriptions irrecoverable written off				10	0	0
" Depreciation on Furniture				11	0	0
" Commission to Office Manager due on debt collections				90	7	0
" Excess of Income over expenditure carried to Capital account...				20	12	11
TOTAL Rs...				1819	15	0

INCOME.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions (including Entrance fee) for 1940—41.	1280	0	0
,, Commission on Debt Collection	271	4	11
,, Legal fees recovered	47	2	0
,, Subscriptions to Dog and Horse Shows... ...	30	0	0
,, Subscriptions to Delegation to the Federation of Trades Association of India...	138	0	0
,, Donation to War fund	50	0	0
,, Bank Interest	3	8	1
TOTAL Rs..	1819	15	0

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1941

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.			Rs. A. P.
Capital Account :—			
Balance as on 31-3-40 ...	Rs.	286 13 11	
Add excess of Income over Expenditure for 40—41...	,,	20 12 11	307 10 10
Sundry Creditors :—			
Spencer & Co., Ltd. ..	,,	1 14 4	
Messrs. Higginbothams ...	,,	11 8 0	
Audit fee outstanding ...	,,	25 0 0	
Office Establishment for March 41.	,,	78 0 0	
Commission to Office Manager ...	,,	90 7 0	206 13 4
Subscription paid in advance ...		...	15 0 0
Debt Collection Account :—			
Debts recovered	,,	1813 1 9	
Less paid to Members ...	,,	1813 1 9	
(Excludes collections remitted direct to members)			
TOTAL Rs...			529 8 2

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.			Rs. A. P.
Furniture Account. (Typewriter, Books and Bicycle)			
Balance as per last Balance Sheet...	Rs.	119 0 0	
Less Depreciation for the year ...	,,	11 0 0	108 0 0
Member's Subscription due (considered good)			10 0 0
Postage due (from Travancore National & Quilon Bank Ltd., in Liquidation) considered doubtful...			7 9 0
Cash and Bank Balances :—			
Balance with Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bangalore, in Current account	Rs.	403 1 5	
Cash on hand	,,	0 13 9	403 15 2
TOTAL Rs..			529 8 2

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year ending 31st March 1941 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended that date and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet of the Association is drawn up in conformity with the law and exhibits a true and correct state of affairs of the Association as on 31st March 1941 and as shown by the books of the Association. In my opinion, the books of account have been kept as required by the law.

J. R. CAMPBELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

KATHLEEN DOYLE, *Hon. Treasurer.*

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR, B. com. G.D.A., R.A. *Registered Accountant.*

BANGALORE, *Dated 10th April 1941.*

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No.DF.384-40/G & A. 21st May 1941.

From

The Secretary.

To

The Honorary Secretary,
Bangalore Trades Association,
17a, South Parade, Bangalore.

Annual Report.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge with thanks the receipt (one sent to the Hon'ble the Resident and one to me) of two copies of the Annual Report of the Bangalore Trades Association for 1940-41.

I have etc.,

Secy. to the Resident.

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Bangalore Trades Association

FOUNDED 1898. (INCORPORATED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1882.)

— MEMBER —
FEDERATION OF TRADES ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA.

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BANGALORE,

United Kingdom Contact:
London Association
for Protection of Trade.

TELEPHONE 129

15th May 1942

The Secretary to the
Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the Annual Report on the working of this Association for the year 1941-42.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE
RESIDENT
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.
19 MAY 1942
Diary No. 5454
Dept. .....

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All Cheques and Remittances to be made payable Bangalore Trades Association.

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FOUNDED 1899.

REGISTERED UNDER THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1882.

FORTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

WITH AUDITED ACCOUNTS

FROM

1st APRIL 1941 to 31st March, 1942.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

PAST MASTERS.

Year	*Names.*
1899	Mr. O. J. Bird.
1900—1	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1901—2	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1902—3	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1904	Mr. I Bronson.
1905	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1906	Mr. J. B. Forster.
1907	Mr. W. Davis.
1908	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1909	Mr. W. Davis.
1910	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1911—12	Mr. C. B. Oakley.
1912	Mr. S. H. Elliot.
1913	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1914	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1915	Mr. W. G. Paddock.
1916	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1917	Mr. J. R. Campbell.
1918—19	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1919—20	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1920—21	Mr. R. Laver.
1921—22	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1922—23	Mr. J. A. Marlam.
1923—24	Mr. W. Wailing.
1924—25	Mr. R. Laver.
1925—26	Mr. R. Laver.
1926—27	Mr. J. R. Thomson.
1927—28	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1928—29	Mr. G. Alex. Lavender.
1929—30	Mr. Geo. L. Harvey.
1930—31	Mr. Geo. L. Harvey.
1931—32	Mr. A. H. Bridle.
1932—33	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1933—34	Mr. K. S. Mackenzie.
1934—35	Mr. P. A. Barton.
1935—36	Mr. F. Weaver. Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1936—37	Dr. M. N. Mahadevan.
1937—38	Mr. A. S. Andrews.
1938—39	Mr. Elliot Miller.
1939—40	Mr. J. M. Charles. Mr. Fred Webb.
1940—41	Mr. Fred Webb.
1941—42	Mr. A. H. Bridle.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Member of Federation of Trades Associations of India.

List of Members, March 31st, 1942

1. Messrs. Associated Publishers (Madras) Ltd., Higginbothams' Dept., Booksellers, Stationers, Printers and Engravers; Agents for "The Mail," Madras and "The Statesman," Calcutta, South Parade.
2. „ Bangalore News Agency, Librarians, and News Agents, 6, E. Brigade Road.
3. „ Bangalore Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, South Parade.
4. „ Barton, Son & Co., Ltd., Manufacturing Jewellers and Silversmiths, Diamond Merchants, Art Metal Workers, Masonic Outfitters, Watch and Clock Makers Photograhers, etc., South Parade.
5. „ Bunny's, High Class English Confectioners and Caterers to Officer's Camps and British Forces, South Parade.
6. „ Campbell & Sons, General Merchants, Licensed Plumbers, Electrical and Sanitary Engineering Contractors, Avenue Road.
7. „ Cash Pharmacy, Chemists and Druggists, St. Mark's Road.
8. „ Central Hotel, Lavelle Road.
9. „ Daily Post, News Paper (Daily), Madras Bank Road.
10. „ Funnells Ltd., Confectioners and Caterers, Fully Licensed Restaurateurs, 16, South Parade.
11. „ Glenand Products, Glenand Dog Biscuit Manufacturers, etc., South Parade.

12. Messrs. Globe Theatres Ltd.—The New Globe Picture House, South Parade.

13. „ Kathleen Doyle, Gowns & Hats, South Parade.

14. „ Lake View Estate Creamery, Suppliers of Fresh Dairy Produce and Importers and Distributors of Refrigerated Products, I, Old Madras Road.

15. „ Lavender's Hotel, 3 & 5, Cubbon Road.

16. „ New Imperial Talkies, Picture House, Residency Road.

17. „ Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bankers, Members of Reserve Bank of India, South Parade.

18. „ Parr & Co., Auctioneers, Commission, House and Estate Agents, Agents The Norwich Mutual Life Office, St. Mark's Road.

19. „ R. Patel & Co., Automibile Engineers, Agents for "Pontiac" and "Vauxhall" Cars, St. Mark's Road.

20. „ Shearers Ltd., Direct Importers of Hats, Gowns, Corsets etc., Dress Makers and Milliners, 2, St. Mark's Road.

21. „ Simpson & Co., Ltd., Automobile Engineers Agents and Coach Builders, South Parade.

22. „ Snaize Bros., Monumentalists, Brigade Road.

23. „ Spencer & Co., Ltd., Wholesale and Retail Merchants and Importers, General Merchants, South Parade.

24. „ Sutramdas Ltd., Proprietors of Cinemas, Main Guard Cross Road.

25. „ Webb's Sales & Service, Automobile Engineers, Authorised 'Ford' Dealers, South Parade.

26. „ Whitney Coates & Co., Auctioneers, Furnishers, Commission and Estate Agents, 15, Cubbon Road.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Office-Bearers, 1941—42.

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MR. FRED WEBB.

Honorary Treasurer:
MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE.

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Committee:
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MR. FRED PARR.
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Report of the Committee

OF THE

Bangalore Trades Association

for the year 1941—42.

The Committee of the Bangalore Trades Association in presenting their Report and the Audited Accounts of this Association for the year ending 31st March 1942, wish, in the first place, to record appreciation of the special help of individual Committee Members during the war stressed year now under review.

The attendance of members at meetings has been unfailingly good. There were, in addition to the Annual General Meeting, 1 Special General Meeting, 11 Monthly General Meetings, and 5 Committee Meetings.

Membership.

Membership of the Association at the end of the year is 26 as against 24 at commencement. There have been three admissions and one resignation.

Association's Congratulations.

At a meeting of the Association held in June 1941, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

> "Resolved, that the members of the Bangalore Trades Association hereby congratulate the Hon'ble Lt-Col. J. de la Hay Gordon, C.I.E., O.B.E., the British Resident in Mysore, upon the honour of C.S.I. conferred upon him by His Majesty the King-Emperor."

"Resolved, that the members of the Bangalore Trades Association hereby congratulate Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rao, B.A., B.L., on his appointment to the Dewanship of Mysore and trust that he will have an outstandingly successful term of office."

"Resolved, that the members of the Bangalore Trades Association do hereby unanimously express their appreciation of all that Sir Mirza M. Ismail, K. C. S. I., O. B. E., has done for the State of Mysore, during his long term of eminent service as its Dewan, and their wish to him for many years of health and happiness in his retirement."

Bangalore Motor Vehicles Rules 1941.

The Hon'ble the Resident called for objections or suggestions to the draft rules to be called Bangalore Motor Vehicles Rules, 1941.

The Association considered these and found them to be practically the same as the Madras Motor Vehicles Rules 1940, but with certain additions.

The Association had no comments to make except in regard to Sec. 364/365 relating to Advertisements. In the opinion of the Association this seemed a restriction upon reasonable sources of revenue for Bus Companies, though, most emphatically, any such advertisements, were they to be considered, should be attractive and orderly.

The Association unsuccessfully opposed the registration mark "BAN."

The finally drafted Rules came into force on 1st May 1941.

Bangalore House Rent Control Order 1941.

The Bangalore House-Rent Control Order 1941, was notified by the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore in Extra-ordinary Residency Orders dated 26th May 1941.

Madras Port Trust (Amendment) Bill 1941.

In May 1941, the Government of India, published a Bill modifiying the constitution of the Board of Trustees of the Port of Madras. The main provision revealed that the Madras Trades Association who had two seats were to be deprived of these.

The Association fully supported the Madras Trades Association in its contention that the trading community of the Madras Presidency should continue to be represented on the Madras Port Trust. It was felt that the Government of India apparently did not fully realise the enormous amount of goods which are imported annually into the Presidency for the trade, although they did so for many years past, as was evident by granting the Madras Trades Association two seats.

The subject was discussed in the Central Assembly and it is some satisfaction to note that on the Select Committee's recommendation the Madras Trades Association has now been allotted one seat.

Advancing of Clocks By An Hour.

The Collector in forwarding a copy of Government of India's letter regarding the proposal of advancing clocks by an hour during the period of war, asked for the views of this Association.

Our Association unanimously endorsed the proposal of advancing the clock by one hour in present circumstances, as ultimately desirable, even if not urgently essential. There is subject for regret in the fact that Government has not been able to carry this proposal through for all parts of India.

Air Raid Precautions Ordinance.

The Bangalore Civil and Military Station Air Raid Precautions Service Rules 1941 have been promulgated under Extraordinary Residency Orders, and came into force from 10th January 1942.

The Collector and A.R.P. Controller as well as the Bangalore C. & M. Station Provincial War Committee are issuing pamphlets and holding A.R.P. practices. This Association assures them that all possible help will be given by its members.

War Funds.

The members of this Association are closely associating themselves, directly or indirectly, with the Bangalore C. & M. Station War Fund Association.

In response to an appeal by the Chairman, Bangalore C. & M. Station War Fund Association, your Committee have directed our bankers to record to this Fund, the odd annas and pies standing to the credit of the Bangalore Trades Association at each month's end. The Association has also in other ways contributed to this Fund.

Rumours.

Certain regrettable Military incidents having occurred in Bangalore throughfares, and much gossip having resulted therefrom, the District Magistrate issued a Press Communique requesting the public to co-operate in suppressing mischievous rumours, first of all by refusing to believe them, and also by reporting to the authorites the names of persons known to be spreading or reporting them.

The Association while thanking the District Magistrate and assuring him that his wishes should be carried out, felt that it would be much more satisfactory if the promise had been forthcoming from responsible authorities that adequate

disciplinary steps would be taken to deal with offenders occasioning these disturbances, and that Military measures would be adopted to ensure the avoidance of any recurrence.

In response, the District Magistrate wrote stating that the assurances asked for were contained in a Communique served to the local press.

Federation of Trades Associations of India.

Mr. Elliot Miller (Associated Publishers—Higginbothams' Dept.) represented this Association at the Third Annual Meeting of the Federation held at Madras on 20th February 1942. Our representative revived the subject of attachment of pay of Emergency Commissioned Officers, emphasising the question of debts incurred by persons prior to joining up and receiving Commissions. The subject was debated and a suitable representation will be made by the Federation when certain requested statistics are forthcoming from federated members.

Our delegate also put forward the subject of unfairness of an inelastic basic year in regard to imports, and the loss to traders and to the Army in India, entailed by the basis adopted.

Next Federation Annual Meeting—It is gratifying to note that in appreciation of the originating efforts of the Bangalore Trades Association toward creating the Federation of Trades Associations of India, efforts dating back to 1928, the members attending the Annual General Meeting in Madras, unanimously voted that Bangalore shall be the venue for the Annual Meeting early in 1943.

The Proposed Retrocession of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

Restrictions regarding publicity which had been placed upon the Joint Committee on Retrocession by the Hon'ble

the Resident having been removed, the Joint Committee has prepared and issued a brochure (copies of which can be obtained free at this Association's office) summing up its case against the proposed retrocession of the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore to the Mysore State. This brochure has been printed and widely distributed.

Anent the opposition of Bangalore's public bodies to the principle of retrocession, it is satisfactory—and even hopeful to be able to place upon record, that the C. & M. Station Municipal Commission, at a Special Meeting held on 11th December 1941, gave, at the instance of the Association's Municipal Representative, a clear declartion of the Commission's view—totally opposing retrocession in any form- which declaration was adopted by an overwhelming majority. The Commission's firm attitude is evident from the proceedings, an extract of which is given hereunder:—

> "The Members of the Municipal Commission have given their careful consideration to the question of retrocession. They reiterate their opposition to retrocession in any form. If, however, retrocession is inevitable they are of opinion that the safeguards already demanded in their previous memoranda should be conceded in full. They are further of opinion that the safeguards to the Administration of Justice (civil and criminal) and the representation on the Legislative Council and Representative Assembly are inadequate, unsatisfactory and fall short of the demands of the citizens of the Station."

Surcharge on Income-Tax and Super-Tax.

A doubt having arisen regarding the precise allocation of monies collected by way of surcharge and super-tax, the Association enquired of the Collector as to whether the

amounts assessed represented a special war measure in British India, and had been made applicable to this Station similarly. The question in such case was whether collections were being dealt with in accordance with the special purpose for which the surcharge was levied.

The Collector has assured our Association that the entire proceeds derived from the surcharge levied on income-tax will be utilised toward meeting special war expenditure in the Station, and as a temporary war-emergency measure, i. e. for two years 1940—41 and 1941—42. The public of the C. & M. Station of Bangalore have since been notified that the accounts relating to this specific collection will be published in the Administration Report of the Station.

Board of Film Censors.

The Association felt that a Board of Film Censors in the C. & M. Station was necessary, and that it was desirable that the Bangalore Trades Association should be represented upon such a Board. We have been informed that there is no Board of Film Censors in the Station, and that the films which may be banned or passed by the Bombay, Madras or Bengal Boards of Film Censorship are generally regarded as suitably dealt with in regard to this Station. There may have been occasions, however, when the authorities here have deemed it necessary to order a local preview of a particular film, and it is upon such previews that the authorities' final decision would be based.

The Association feels that if such previews are necessary, the judges invited should be more representative of public opinion than would appear to have been the case in recent decisions.

War Risks Goods Insurance Ordinance.

In response to an enquiry by the Collector, the Association has expressed its opinion that the War Risks Goods

Insurance Ordinance should be made applicable to the C. & M. Station. on such lines as maintained in British India. Our understanding is that this subject is still under consideration by the Local Government.

Food Price Control.

This Association has, through its Master, Mr. A. H. Bridle, closely allied its members with every possible effort to maintain a fair level of food prices. The Local Advisory Committee issues periodical reports and ratified price lists, and from these and a knowledgable criticism, our Association is satisfied that a most fair and just control exists in Bangalore. Our tentative enquiry as to whether in the case of rice prices, our Station public might benefit if the Municipal Commission adopted communal or co-operative retailing—as is said to be done with success in Bangalore City—was negatively answered by the President of the Municipal Commission, who gave a most satisfactory comparison of C. & M. Station rice rates.

Taxi Meters.

It will be recalled that the Association had suggested to the Commissioner of Police the' introduction of taxi-meters in view of the exorbitant rates charged for taxis plying for hire, especially to strangers.

It is recorded with satisfaction that the procedure of the Commissioner of Police has been prompt in fixing charges for use of motor cabs, per mile and per hour, and in ordering that motor cabs not fitted with taxi-meters shall carry a copy of the fare table affixed in the interior of the motor cab in such manner as to be clearly legible. The current fares are: for the first mile—Annas eight; for each succeeding quarter of a mile or part thereof after the first mile—Annas two; for waiting time—Annas two for every four minutes.

Traffic Rules and Restrictions.

Several instances were brought to the notice of the Committee regarding harsh restrictions and the exorbitant fines levied for resultant offences.

It was thought necessary to discuss the several points raised, viz, traffic islands, seizure of bicycles, halt signals etc., with the Commissioner of Police, in company with representatives of other local Associations, and, accordingly, Col. P. A. Barton, Mr. Elliot Miller and Capt J. R. Campbell represented this Association in a deputation which met the Commissioner of Police on 5th July 1941.

The points raised were discussed in detail with the Commissioner of Police, who expressed special appreciation for the help afforded to him by the deputation.

The deputation also met the Collector and District Magistrate in regard to issue of summonses and other traffic regulations introduced in the Station. The District Magistrate's helpfulness is gladly recorded.

Cart Hire.

Our Association brought to the attention of the authorities concerned the arbitrary charges levied by bullock-cart men and suggested the provision of a table of tarriff rates as in the case of hackney carriages.

In response, we have been informed that the rates of hire have been prescribed and that drivers are required by the Rules to produce their licenses upon demand.

We pointed out, however, that drivers, no doubt produce their licenses when demanded by a fare, but that the rate cards are not fixed to the bullock carts. It was therefore, suggested that the present method of regulating charges was inefficient, and that for the protection of strangers visiting the Station, it becomes essential that rates should be clearly set

out on a plate, or painted somewhere on each bullock cart, and that such rates should be periodically published in the press. Similary, too, this should be done in the case of gharries and rickshaws.

It is appreciatively recorded that the Commissioner of Police issued a Notification on 4th October 1941, stating that in future jutkas and bullock-carts shall have rate cards fixed on the inside of hoods.

Representative on the Municipal Commission.

At the Monthly General Meeting held in October 1941, Mr. J. Isaac, B. A., B. L., was elected to continue to serve on the Municipal Commission, his election being again for one year i.e. until 30th November 1942. The members of this Association expressed unanimous appreciation of the energy and zeal which Mr. Isaac had so successfully applied to his representative duties.

Revision of Bye-Law No. 5 Chapter III— Sale of Milk & Butter.

The President, Municipal Commission, called for objections or suggestions in regard to revised Bye-Laws relating to control over the sale of milk supply in the Station. The Association felt that the revised Bye-Laws were necessary. They have since been confirmed by the Hon'ble the Resident and will come into force from 1st April 1942.

Travelling Shows and Fetes.

The attention of the Association has again been drawn to the travelling shows that now constantly visit this Station and remain indefinitely. The strong feeling of the Association is that the Military granting of tenure to such shows is unreasonably prolonged, and reacts to the detriment of local catering firms who pay heavy rentals, taxation and licenses to serve legitimately the Civilian and Military public of this Civil &

Military Station, and who carry on without seeking the favours, privileges and concessions given by local authorities to itinerant renters of Military land.

Your Committee has sensed a growing public feeling that the welfare of this Station is not enhanced by the freedom of hours and license accorded to these concerns by the local authorities.

Telephone Delays.

During the previous year our Association had complained to the authorities concerned, regarding slackness and delay at the local telephone exchange.

At a Committee Meeting of this Association held on 21st May 1941, Mr. G. J. Mitchell, Divisional Engineer, Telegraphs, Coimbatore, explained in detail with the help of diagrams and statistics the system of working Bangalore's Telephone Exchange. Owing to great increase in telephone calls, he said, the Department is considering enlarging the Telephone Exchange. As, however, the additional equipment had to be imported from the United Kingdom, some delay is anticipated owing to present conditions.

The Divisional Engineer promised special attention in regard to the delay caused by the telephone operators, and to this end he assured the Association, that steps had already been taken to increase the operating staffs.

The Committee also suggested the great desirability of introducing the meter system as it felt that what then would be the maximum of calls is at present being greatly exceeded by many subscribers to the detriment of those subscribers who do not reach any such maximum.

The Committee received the fullest assurances that all that the Department can possibly do will be done, and Mr. Mitchell was specially thanked by the members for his

full explanations and very great help. It is fair to record that Bangalore C. & M. Station Exchange has shown improvement of service in recent months, though better may yet be achieved.

Public Urinals on South Parade.

Repeated representations have in years past been made to the Municipal Commission, as to the lack of sanitary accommodation on South Parade, and the Municipal Commission has now constructed two compartments of underground urinals and water closets almost in front of the New Globe Theatre on South Parade.

This Association's thanks are due to its Municipal representative for having so vigorously pressed this matter with the Commission.

Electric Current Rates.

In our last year's report it was stated that a Joint meeting of the local Associations would be called for the purpose of special representation to H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore. The appeal is in course of preparation and it is earnestly hoped that, notwithstanding much opposition, this appeal will procure some measure of relief to users of electric current in the C. & M. Station.

Debt Collection.

The Association's Debt Collection Department continues to function satisfactorily and members are recommended to take increasing advantage of its really complete equipment. In the year under review collections have doubled the highest debt realisation of the best in previous years.

Empire Day.

As customary, the Master placed this Association's tribute, a floral Imperial Crown, at the Queen Victoria Statue, 24th May 1941.

Armistice Day.

On behalf of the members, past and present, of this Association, a wreath of poppies was placed at Bangalore's War Memorial by the Master, on November 11, 1941.

Dog Show 1941.

A cash donation was this year voted instead of the Association's usual silver cup, the proceeds of the Ninth Championship Dog Show being handed to the Bangalore C. & M. Station War Fund Association.

Christmas and New Year Greetings.

Christmas and New Year greetings were exchanged between this and Sister Associations and with Residency and Government Officials.

Anatha Asrayam.

In response to an appeal by the President, Anatha Asrayam (Refuge for the Destitute) the Association donoted Rs. 25/- toward the extension of the Anatha Asrayam Building.

Obituary.

Mr. J. Munro, at Madras on 18th July 1941.

Mr. James Munro was Honorary Secretary of this Association from 1st December 1934 to 31st January 1936. During this period he handled with great tact many problems in the interests of the Association.

The following resolution was placed on record at a meeting of the Association held on 29th July 1941:—

"Resolved, that the Members of the Bangalore Trades Association place on record their sincere and profound regret at the news of the death on 18th July 1941, at Madras, of Mr. James Munro, and that they hereby express their appreciation of his excellent services whilst acting as Honorary Secretary of the Bangalore Trades Association."

Accounts.

The accounts as audited by Mr. A. Ramaswamy Iyengar, B. Com., G.D.A., are submitted herewith.

Appreciative Thanks.

The Committee desire to extend this Association's thanks to :—

The Principal Information Officer, Government of India, for "Indian Information" received from time to time.

His Majesty's Senior Trade Commissioner at Calcutta, for copies of "Commercial Bulletin."

The Station Staff Officer, Bangalore, for copies of "Station Orders."

The Mysore Chamber of Commerce, for weekly Market Reports.

The Editors. "American Exporter" and "London Chamber of Commerce Journal."

The Editor, "Commerce and Industry," New Delhi.

Messrs. Paterson & Co., Madras, for Market Reports.

The Editor, Daily Post, for publishing proceedings of meetings etc.

Mr. Elliot Miller, for rent-free registered office and amenities during the past three years.

Messrs. Spencer & Co., Ltd., for free use of room in which our meetings are held.

THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 22nd April 1942, at 6-30 p.m. at the premises of Messrs Funnells Ltd.

Present.

Mr. A. H. Bridle,	Bangalore Pharmacy (Master.)
Mr. Elliot Miller,	Associated Publishers (Madras) Ltd., Higginbothams, Dept, Bangalore.
Col. P. A. Barton Col. C. E. Hall	Barton Son & Co., Ltd.
Mr. S. V. Subramaniam	Bangalore News Agency.
Dr. M. N. Mahadevan	Cash Pharmacy.
Mr. V. Rungaswamy Mr. C. R. N. Naidu	Funnells Ltd.
Mr. J. C. Thomas Mr. H. E. Roseboom	Daily Post.
Mr. C. T. S. David	Glenand Products.
Mr. P. B. Garforth	Lakeview Estate Creamery.
Mr. H. Lavender	Lavender's Hotel.
Mr. M. Cooper	New Globe Talkies.
Mr. D. K. Belgamvala	Patel & Co.
Mr. J. Isaac	Palai Central Bank Ltd.
Mrs. V. Carleton	Shearers Ltd.
Mr. F. L. Paxton	Spencer & Co., Ltd.
Mr. J. G. Snaize	Snaize Bros.
Mr. H. A. Alderson	Simpson and Co., Ltd.
Mr. R. Sutramdas	Sutramdas Ltd.
Mr. Fred Webb	Webb's Sales and Service.
Mr. F. C. Paulie	Whitney Coates & Co.
Capt. J R. Campbell V. D.	Campbell & Sons (Honorary Secretary.)

Apology for inability to attend was notified by Miss Kathleen Doyle (Honorary Treasurer.)

The occasion was preceded by the taking of a group photograph of members at the premises of Messrs Barton Son & Co., Ltd.

1. **Notice.**

Notice convening the meeting was read.

2. **Minutes.**

Minutes of the Monthly General Meeting held on 24th March 1942 and the Committee Meeting held on 9th April 1942, were read, and duly confirmed.

3. **Annual Report for 1941-42.**

Capt J. R. Campbell, the Honorary Secretay, read the Report of the Committee for the year 1941-42.

In proposing the adoption of the Annual Report, Mr. Elliot Miller said:—

It has been good to hear as good a report as ever of the good attempted and good done by the Association in another year of useful endeavour — its forty-third, and I am gratified to represent at this meeting one of the four surviving founder firms, Higginbothams, Bangalore — Established Eighteen Forty Four.

Within the fold two other founder firms still flourish, Spencer & Co., Ltd., and Barton Son & Co., Ltd., but the fourth survivor, Mr. Frank Abraham, though also flourishing, has strayed without—not once, but several times. If we can bell-wether him back again, let us this time high-hurdle the fold, or rope the wanderer in.

To return to the Report — Some good spots of work are prominent. I feel that local amenities such as food price

control, suppression of sharp practices by taxi-men and drivers of jutkas and bullock-carts, and our insistence upon underground experiments "almost opposite The New Globe" —may all be lumped together as a really "good spot of work."

Next is the spot of debt collecting work—doubling results of any previous year. Such good work as this, coupled with the "popular" CASH ONLY rule in present-day retail trading, should kill the "BAD-DEBT BOGEY" absolutely.

Three lesser report points are, I feel, worth touching upon. First, the expressed regret that daylight saving could not be made general in India—how good it would be for Bangalore!—Secondly, I am glad to hear that the Association is likely to appeal for better recognised and privileged conditions for Bangalore's own catering establishments, conditions at least equal to those extended to itinerent firms invited into this Station. The third of my lesser points has to do with War Fund annas and pies. The Association's monthly war effort, expressed through our Bank, may read too "Aberdonianly" if allowed to appear in cold type in the printed report, and I propose that the reference be deleted. It may be that some less startling and more studied contribution to Bangalore's War Fund can shortly be conceded and announced.

Ladies and Gentlemen, subject to my closing comment, I have pleasure in proposing the adoption of this report.

Mr. J. Isaac seconded, and subject to slight addition to the paragraph referring to "War Funds", the Report was adopted unanimously.

4. Accounts.

In the unavoidable absence of Miss Kathleen Doyle, the Honorary Treasurer, the Audited Accounts for the year 1941-42 were presented by the Office Manager.

Mr. J. Isaac in proposing the adoption of the accounts paid a tribute to the work of the Committee, especially in respect of "debt collection." He said the accounts proved that the working of the whole machinery of the Association was on a sound basis.

Mr. D. K. Belgamvala seconded the adoption. Carried unanimously.

5. **Bonus to Staff.**

Proposed by Mr. A. H. Bridle and seconded by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala that the Office Manager and the Orderly be granted the bonus of a month's salary.

Carried unanimously.

6. The Master, Mr. A. H. Bridle, addressed the meeting as follows:—

Ladies and Gentleman,

This is our 43rd Annual Meeting and I am proud and happy to say that we have with us to-night at least one or two of the original member firms and one original member who are as active in promoting the interests of the Association now as they have been in the past.

To the promoters of this Association in view of the work done and the results achieved our thanks are due. Let us continue to the best of our ability to carry on the good work.

It is my privileged duty as Master of this Association to conclude this official year with a few remarks on the work done, but I do not propose to inflict you with a catalogue of them. Our report is a full and comprehensive one and gives all details of our activites during the past year.

In response to many enquiries from Government and other sources on various matters we can derive much satisfaction that many of our suggestions have been adopted and in all cases given fair and sympathetic consideration.

A word of congratulation to the Public Authorities on the success they have achieved concerning the "Black Out," and to the public for their co-operation. The former were certainly slow at the start and the latter equally apathetic. It seems as if it needed a few home truths to be driven home before we sat up and took notice, of course always with a few exceptions. Now there is evidence everywhere that all realise the necessity of precautions and are responding to the necessary inconveniences imposed. Let us hope for an early return to "brighter days."

Now, Ladies and Gentleman, before I end, I must express my very grateful thanks to the Honorary Secretary, Capt. J. R. Campbell and the Honorary Treasurer, Miss. Kathleen Doyle, whose assistance has been of considerable help. A word of thanks also to Mr. B. Seshadri, our Offiice Manager, who does his duties very efficiently.

Finally I thank all those members who attended the meetings regularly, particularly the Committee, and so, helped forward the business of the Association.

7. The election of Office-bearers resulted as follows:—

Master	...	Capt. J. R. Campbell, V. D.
Honorary Secretary	...	Mr. H. A. Alderson
Honorary Treasurer	...	Miss Kathleen Doyle (Re-elected)
Working Committee	...	Mr. F. L. Paxton
		Mr. H. Lavender
		Mr. D. K. Belgamvala
		Mr. M. Cooper.

(All Past-Masters are ex-officio Committee Members.)

8. **Auditor.**

Mr. A. Ramaswamiengar, B. Com., G. D. A., offered himself for re-election.

Proposed by Mr. D. K. Belgamvala and seconded by Mr. J. Isaac, that Mr. A. Ramaswamiengar be re-elected as Auditor for the year 1942-43 at the same remuneration.

Carried unanimously.

Capt. J. R. Campbell then thanked the members for appointing him to be Master for the ensuing year and assured them that he would do all in his power to further the interests of the Association.

Col. P. A. Barton in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chair, paid tribute to Mr. A. H. Bridle, the retiring Master, who had been successful in steering the Association clear of all difficulties. In Capt. Campbell, Col. Barton said, they had the right man for Mastership, and to him he assured all the assistance the members could give. In conclusion he praised the work of the Office Manager and the Orderly and expressed satisfaction and pleasure that their services had been duly recognised.

The meeting was followed by a most happy get-together informally held in the Conference Hall, when wives and friends of members spent a sociably pleasant hour, many leaving subsequently to attend the New Globe Theatre as the guests of its popular Manager, Mr. M. Cooper.

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THE BANGALORE TRADES ASSOCIATION

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st March 1942

EXPENDITURE.	Rs.	A.	P.	INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.
To Establishment (including Bonus) and Commission on debt collection...	1119	0	8	By Subscriptions (including Entrance fee) for 1941-42 ...	1565	0	0
,, Printing and Stationery (including Annual Report) ...	128	9	0	,, Commission on Debt Collection	360	2	2
,, Postage and Telegrams	83	3	9	,, Legal fees recovered	39	0	0
,, Entertainment	46	10	6	,, Subscription to Delegation to the Federation of Trades Associations of India...	52	0	0
,, Filing fee to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.	6	0	0	,, Bank Interest	5	14	10
,, Legal fees recovered	39	0	0				
,, Dog show subscription	10	0	0				
,, Audit fee payable	25	0	0				
,, Peon's Uniform	11	0	0				
,, Expenses: Empire and Armistice Day	13	0	0				
,, Donation to Anatha Asrayam	25	0	0				
,, Federation of Trades Associations of India:—							
Annual subscription due ... Rs. 100 0 0							
Delegation charges paid ... ,, 52 0 0							
	152	0	0				
,, Subscription to Residency Orders	14	14	0				
,, Contribution towards Printing of Joint Memorandum (*Moiety*)...	31	9	0				
,, Miscellaneous (Office equipment etc.,)	36	4	7				
,, Depreciation on Furniture	10	0	0				
,, Excess of Income over Expenditure (carried to *Capital account*...	270	13	6				
TOTAL Rs...	2022	1	0	Rs...	2022	1	0

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Balance Sheet as at 31st March 1942.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.				Rs.	A.	P.
Capital Account:—						
Balance as on 31-3-41 ...	Rs.	307	10 10			
Add excess of Income over expenditure for 41-42 ...	,,	270	13 6			
				578	8	4
Sundry Creditors:—						
Spencer and Co., Ltd. ...	,,	1	10 0			
Audit fee outstanding ...	,,	25	0 0			
Office Establishment for March 42.	,,	90	0 0			
Annual Subscription to Federation of Trades Associations of India due...	,,	100	0 0			
				216	10	0
Subscription paid in Advance				5	0	0
Debt Collection Account:—						
Debts recovered ...	,,	2439	7 9			
Less paid to Members ...	,,	2432	10 11			
Balance due and to be paid				6	12	10
Debts Collected paid direct, as per Debts Collection Register. ...	,,	6975	4 6			
TOTAL Rs...				806	15	2

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.				Rs.	A.	P.
Furniture Account:— (Typewriter, Books & Bicycle)						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet...	Rs.	108	0 0			
Additions during the year ...	,,	3	0 0			
		111	0 0			
Less Depreciation for the year ...	,,	10	0 0			
				101	0	0
Members Subscription due (Considered good)				10	0	0
Postage due from Travancore National & Quilon Bank Ltd., (In liquidation) considered doubtful...				7	9	0
Cash and Bank Balaces:—						
Balance with Palai Central Bank Ltd., Bangalore, in Current a/c ...	,,	673	15 11			
Cash on hand	,,	14	6 3			
				688	6	2
TOTAL Rs...				806	15	2

I have examined the Balance Sheet of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year ending 31st March 1942 and Income and Expenditure for the year ended that date and have obtained all the information and explanations required. In my opinion the above Balance Sheet of the Association is drawn up in conformity with the law and exhibits a true and correct state of the Association as on 31st March 1942 and as shown by the Books of the Association. In my opinion the books of account have been kept as required by the law.

Checked and found correct,

BANGALORE,
Dated 6th April 1942.

A. RAMASWAMIENGAR,
Registered Accountant.

J. R. CAMPBELL, CAPT.
Hon. Secretary,

KATHLEEN DOYLE.
Hon. Treasurer.

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From

The Secretary the Resident.

To

The Honorary Secretary,
Bangalore Ties Association,
17 A South Parade, Bangalore.

Annual report for 1941-42.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the annual report on the working of the Bangalore Trades Association for the year 1941-42, forwarded with your letter dated 15th May 1942.

I have, etc.,

Sd/- M. Ramaiah Nayar

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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BANGALORE,

—MEMBER—
FEDERATION OF TRADES ASSOCIATIONS OF INDIA.

United Kingdom Contact:—
London Association
for Projection of Trade.

TELEPHONE 129

14th May 1943

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MR. ELLIOT MILLER

Honorary Secretary :
MR. H. A. ALDERSON

Honorary Treasurer :
MISS KATHLEEN DOYLE.

The Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

Dear Sir,

I have the honour to send herewith a copy of the Annual Report of this Association for the year 1942-43.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

Honorary Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE
HON'BLE THE RESIDENT
IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.
20 MAY 1943
Diary No. 5339.
File No. 7.3.4-41.

OFFICE NOTE.

May be acknowledged with thanks. An acknowledgment card is submitted for signature.

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All Cheques and Remittances to be made payable "Bangalore Trades Association."